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the FIRST TWO
SUPER-MEN!"**

HERCULES--SAMSON--
HELP ME! WE THOUGHT
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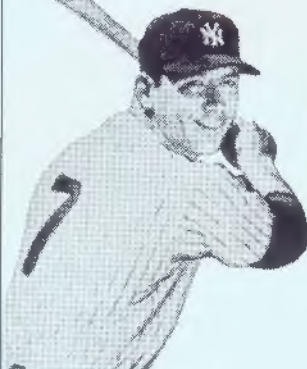
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BUT WE CANNOT
KNOCK YOU DOWN,
THOUGH WE ARE THE
TWO STRONGEST
MEN EVER TO
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THIS **SUPERBOY**
IS WEARING US
OUT... **SPANTLE**
AND WE ARE
RUNNING OUT
OF BOULDERS!

OUT OF THE PAGES OF
HISTORY COME THE NAMES
OF THE TWO MIGHTIEST
STRONGMEN OF THE PAST...
SAMSON and **HERCULES!**

MIRACULOUSLY ONE DAY,
THESE TWO "SUPERMEN"
OF OLD APPEAR IN
SMALLVILLE, TO ENLIST
THE AID OF **SUPERBOY**
IN A SUPER-TASK! YOU'LL
BE AMAZED WHEN YOU
SEE WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THE **BOY OF**
STEEL BECOMES A
PARTNER IN THE PAST
WITH —

"The

FIRST TWO SUPER-MEN!

TAKING IN THE **SMALLVILLE**
COUNTY FAIR ONE DAY,
CLARK KENT IS ATTRACTED
TO THE SIDESHOW FOR A
SPECIAL REASON!

HMM... I'M
SECRETLY **SUPERBOY**
AND WILL GROW UP
TO BE **SUPERMAN**
SOMEDAY! I MUST
SEE THAT ACT OUT
OF CURIOSITY!

HERCULES

SAMSON



See our
MODERN
SUPER-MEN
HERCULES
AND
SAMSON!



WITHIN, AS THE PERFORMANCE BEGINS...

BEHOLD! I, **HERCULES**, WILL BEND THIS STEEL BEAM AND TIE IT IN A KNOT AROUND ME, WHILE **SAMSON** DOES THE SAME AT THE OTHER END!



AMAZINGLY, THE TWO PERFORMERS LIVE UP TO THE STRONGMAN REPUTATIONS OF THEIR FAMOUS NAMESAKES!

NOW WE WILL HAVE A TUG-OF-WAR AND...

TERRIFIC! YOU WOULD ALMOST THINK THEY REALLY ARE **HERCULES** AND **SAMSON**!

SNAP



OF COURSE THEY'RE ONLY PERFORMERS IN DISGUISE! BUT WHAT KIND OF FALSE STEEL BEAMS AND OTHER TRICK PROPS DO THEY USE TO MAKE THEIR ACT POSSIBLE? I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY!



AFTER THE SHOW, CLARK VISITS THE STRONGMEN BACK-STAGE, AND...

EXCUSE ME, I'M CLARK KENT! PLEASE SIGN YOUR AUTOGRAPHS FOR ME, USING YOUR REAL NAMES, NOT YOUR STAGE NAMES!

OUR REAL NAMES AND STAGE NAMES ARE THE SAME, LAD!



THEY MUST BE KIDDING ME! WHILE THEY AREN'T LOOKING I'LL LIFT THIS BEAM AND... OMIGOSH! IT'S NOT A FAKE MADE OF PLASTER OR PUTTY BUT **REAL STEEL**!



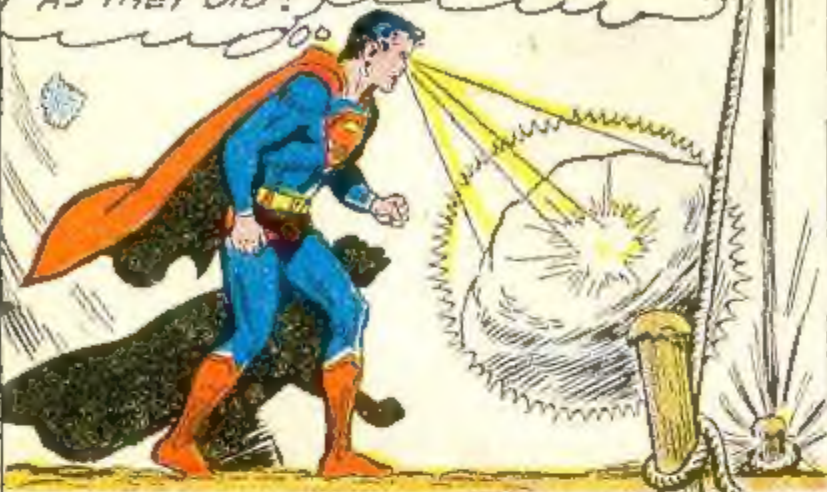
LATER, CLARK SEEKS SECLUSION TO REMOVE HIS OUTER GARMENTS AND TAKE OVER AS **SUPERBOY**!

THEIR TRICKS MUST BE MORE CLEVER THAN I THOUGHT! TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY, I'LL DO SOME DETECTIVE WORK WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**!



SUPERBOY IS STILL MORE BAFFLED WHEN...

THAT FAKE BOULDER MUST BE HOLLOW...
GREAT GUNS! IT ISN'T A PROP BUT SOLID ROCK,
WEIGHING TONS! BUT... BUT IT WOULD TAKE
SUPER-STRENGTH LIKE MINE TO TOSS IT
AS THEY DID!



SUDDENLY, BEFORE SUPERBOY CAN CHECK FURTHER...

OH-OH! THEY
CAUGHT ME AT IT!
AND THEY HAVE
A...A **GRIP OF
STEEL!** THEN
THERE'S ONLY
ONE ANSWER
TO THIS
RIDDLE!



YOU MUST
BE THE **REAL
HERCULES
AND SAMSON!**

YES, LAD! AND YOU MUST BE
SUPERBOY! IN THE PAST, A
SEER LOOKED INTO THE
FUTURE WITH A CRYSTAL-
BALL AND TOLD US YOU
WOULD BE WEARING THIS
BLUE, RED AND YELLOW
COSTUME! WE CAME TO
SEEK YOU!



BUT WE COULDN'T FIND YOU IN TOWN,
SO WE FIGURED THAT IF WE PERFORMED
AS STRONGMEN, IT WOULD LURE YOU
TO US! IS IT TRUE, AS
THE SEER TOLD US,
THAT YOU ARE
INVULNERABLE?

WE'LL
QUICKLY
FIND OUT!



**IMPULSIVELY, SAMSON HURLS THE BOULDER
AT SUPERBOY!**

LOOK!
IT ONLY
SHATTERED!

LET US MAKE
ANOTHER
TEST WITH
THE BROKEN
STEEL BEAMS!



MEANWHILE, OUT IN SPACE, AS **SUPERBOY'S PET, KRYPTO**
THE **SUPERDOG**, BEAMS HIS TELESCOPIC VISION TO EARTH...

SMITE HIM
HARD WITH
THE STEEL
BEAMS!

WHY ARE THOSE
TWO SUPER-
POWERFUL MEN
ATTACKING MY
MASTER, **SUPERBOY?**



LIKE ANY FAITHFUL DOG, **KRYPTO** RUSHES TO EARTH TO THE AID OF HIS MASTER!



GREAT ZEUS! HOW COULD THAT MERE DOG SNATCH MY BEAM AWAY!

HE HAPPENS TO BE A **SUPERDOG**, WITH SUPER-POWERS! DOWN, BOY! THESE MEN WERE ONLY TESTING MY INVULNERABILITY, NOT FIGHTING ME!

KRYPTO OBEYS AND SAMSON MAKES A FINAL TEST...

WHEN MY HAIR IS CUT, I LOSE MY SUPER-STRENGTH! I'LL TRY IT ON HIM... **GREAT OLYMPUS!** EVEN HIS HAIR IS LIKE STEEL, BREAKING MY KNIFE!



ENOUGH OF THIS, GENTLEMEN! AS YOU SEE, I'M COMPLETELY INVULNERABLE! NOW TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?



THE **ELIXIR** YOU DRINK THAT MAKES YOU INVULNERABLE! PLEASE GIVE US SOME OF THAT MAGIC LIQUID!

I DRINK NO ...ER...**ELIXIR**! YOU SEE, I WAS BORN ON **KRYPTON**, A PLANET OF HEAVY GRAVITY! I GAINED MY SUPER-POWERS UNDER EARTH'S LESSER GRAVITY CONDITIONS. SO YOU SEE-- I CAN'T HELP YOU!

THINKING **SUPERBOY'S** STORY FALSE, THE TWO SUPER-HEROES FROM THE PAST TAKE THE **BOY OF STEEL** BY SURPRISE...

HE'S LYING! SEARCH HIM FOR THE **ELIXIR**, SAMSON, WHILE I HOLD HIM!



LOOK, HERCULES! I FOUND SOMETHING ELSE IN THIS SECRET POUCH IN HIS CAPE... **HIDDEN CLOTHING!**

HA! I RECOGNIZE AS THOSE WORN BY THE BOY WHO ASKED FOR OUR AUTOGRAPHS! THEN YOU HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY AS **CLARK KENT!**



YES, BUT PLEASE DON'T... ER... TELL ANYONE IN **SMALLVILLE** BEFORE YOU RETURN TO THE PAST!



I WISH I COULD HELP YOU IN YOUR QUEST, BUT I GIVE YOU MY WORD, I HAVE NO MAGIC ELIXIR THAT MAKES ME INVULNERABLE!

PSST! IT'S LUCKY WE FOUND OUT HIS SECRET IDENTITY, SAMSON! NOW WE CAN FIND HIS HOME AND SPY ON HIM UNTIL HE DRINKS THE **ELIXIR**! HE'S JUST **PRETENDING** IT DOESN'T EXIST, TO KEEP IT FOR HIMSELF!

LATER, AT HOME, AFTER **SUPERBOY** RESUMES HIS ROLE OF CLARK KENT, HE IS CLOSELY OBSERVED...



THIS SODA POP IS GOOD!

PSST! SAMSON! MAYBE **THAT** IS THE **ELIXIR**! IT IS A STRANGE KIND OF DRINK WE NEVER HAD IN OUR TIMES! WE MUST TRY IT!

AFTER CLARK SETS THE HALF-FILLED BOTTLE DOWN...

WE SNATCHED IT THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW WHEN HE WASN'T WATCHING! TAKE A DRINK AND THEN I'LL TEST YOU TO SEE IF YOU'RE INVULNERABLE, **HERCULES!**



I'LL STRIKE YOU WITH MY MIGHTIEST BLOW! WELL?

YEOWW! I... I FELT THE BLOW! I GUESS THAT LIQUID I DRANK DID NOT RENDER ME INVULNERABLE!



PRESENTLY, AS CLARK TAKES A BATH, AND USES ORDINARY SOAP...

AH! HE IS SMEARING THAT FOAMY MATTER ALL OVER HIS BODY! IT MUST BE THE MAGIC SUBSTANCE WHICH HARDENS HIS SKIN INTO STEEL! WE'LL OBTAIN THAT RUBBING-BAR WHEN HE LEAVES THE ROOM AND TRY IT ON OUR OWN PERSONS!



SOON, ACROSS THE STREET WHERE DISCARDED JUNK LIES...

WE FOUND THIS OLD TUB AND SOME RAINWATER! RUB THE **MAGIC FORM** ALL OVER YOUR BODY, **SAMSON!** THEN I'LL TEST YOU OUT FOR INVULNERABILITY!



AFTER SAMSON DRESSES...

HAH! I'LL BET YOU WON'T EVEN FEEL THIS THING I'M SMASHING ON YOUR HEAD!

OWWW! YOU'RE WRONG, **HERCULES!** I'LL HAVE A HEADACHE FOR A WEEK! WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE... UH... RIGHT **ELIXIR** THAT PROTECTS **SUPERBOY** FROM HARM!



AS CLARK EATS HIS SUPPER, THE TWO ANCIENT SUPERMEN ARE BACK AT THEIR SPYING...

I MADE YOUR SPECIAL SOUP, SON!

SOUP! AHA, THAT MUST BE THE **ELIXIR** FOR SURE! I'LL GRAB HIS PLATE AWAY BEFORE HE FINISHES IT!







THE ANCIENT **MEN OF STEEL** MAKE AN ASTOUNDING REVELATION TO THE 20TH-CENTURY'S **BOY OF STEEL!**

NOW I AM DISGUISED AS **TARKUS**, A HUMBLE STABLE-HAND! **SAMSON** WILL RESUME HIS OTHER ROLE OF **MERRIO**, THE KING'S COURT JESTER!

GREAT GUNS! OUR HISTORY BOOKS NEVER TOLD OF THIS! THE TWO MOST FAMOUS "SUPERMEN" OF ANCIENT TIMES ALSO HAD **SECRET IDENTITIES** LIKE ME!

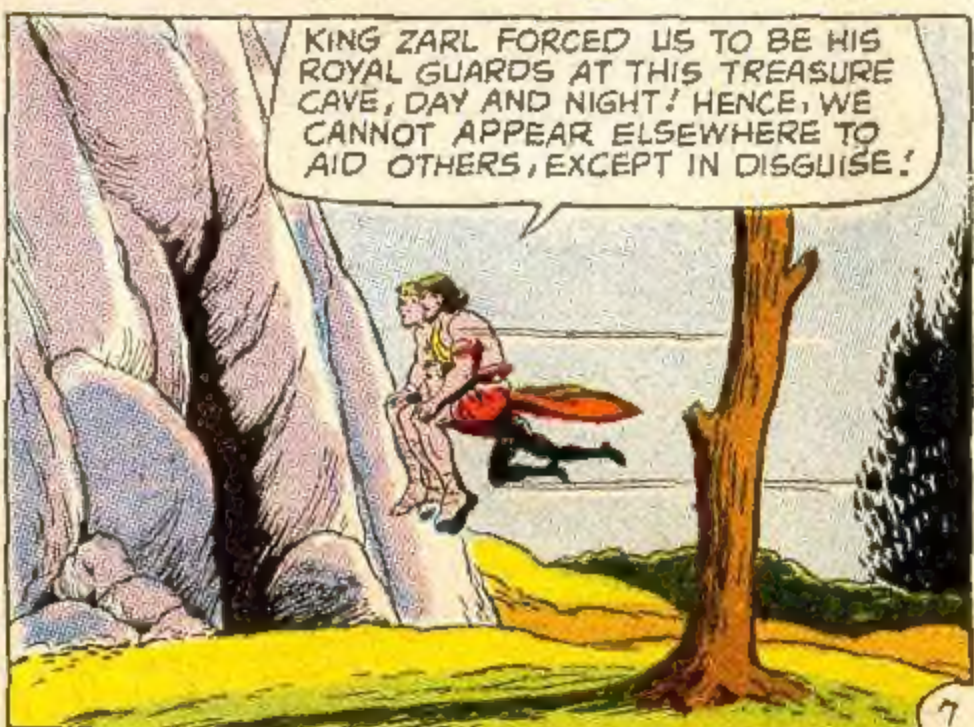


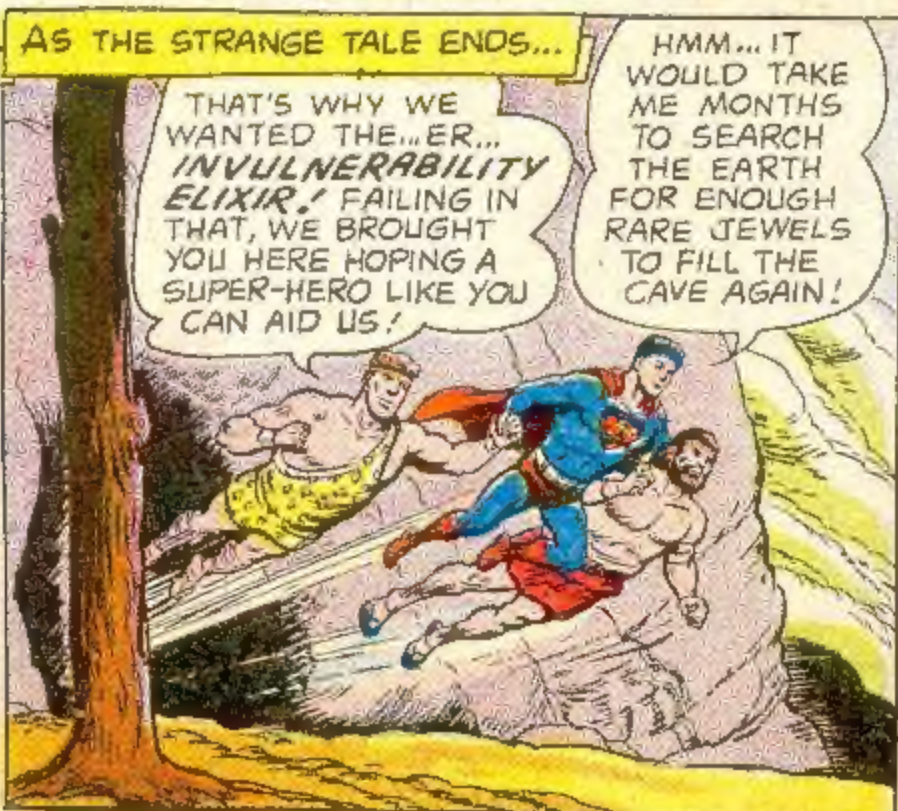
AS THE KING PASSES...



WHEN THE KING IS GONE AND THE SUPER-STRONG TRIO CHANGES BACK...

FLY US NORTH OUT OF THE CITY, **SUPERBOY**, AND WE WILL SHOW YOU WHY WE MUST HAVE **SECRET IDENTITIES**!





AFTER A FLIGHT TO THE KING'S PALACE...

I'LL TRY TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO SAVE YOU FROM EXECUTION!

THANKS, **SUPERBOY**! MEANWHILE, SAMSON AND I MUST RETURN TO OUR OTHER IDENTITIES! YOU WILL FIND US AT THE ROYAL ARENA LATER, WHERE A BIG SHOW IS SCHEDULED TODAY FOR KING ZARL'S ENTERTAINMENT.

LATER, AT THE ARENA AS THE EVENTS BEGIN

FIRST COMES THE CHARIOT RACE...

THEY'RE OFF!

SUDDENLY, TROUBLE ARISES FOR THE CHAMPION DRIVER IN THE LEAD!

HELP! MY WHEEL CAME OFF! I...I'LL BE THROWN AND TRAMPLED UNDER THE OTHER HORSES AND CHARIOTS!

THE CRY IS HEARD BY THE DISGUISED HERCULES WHERE HE WORKS AS **TARKUS** THE STABLE-MAN...

HELP!

I COULD SAVE THAT DRIVER WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH! BUT... SECRET IDENTITY! WHAT SHALL I DO?

BUT HERCULES IS SAVED BY THE SWIFT ACTION OF ANOTHER SPECTATOR... **CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT**!

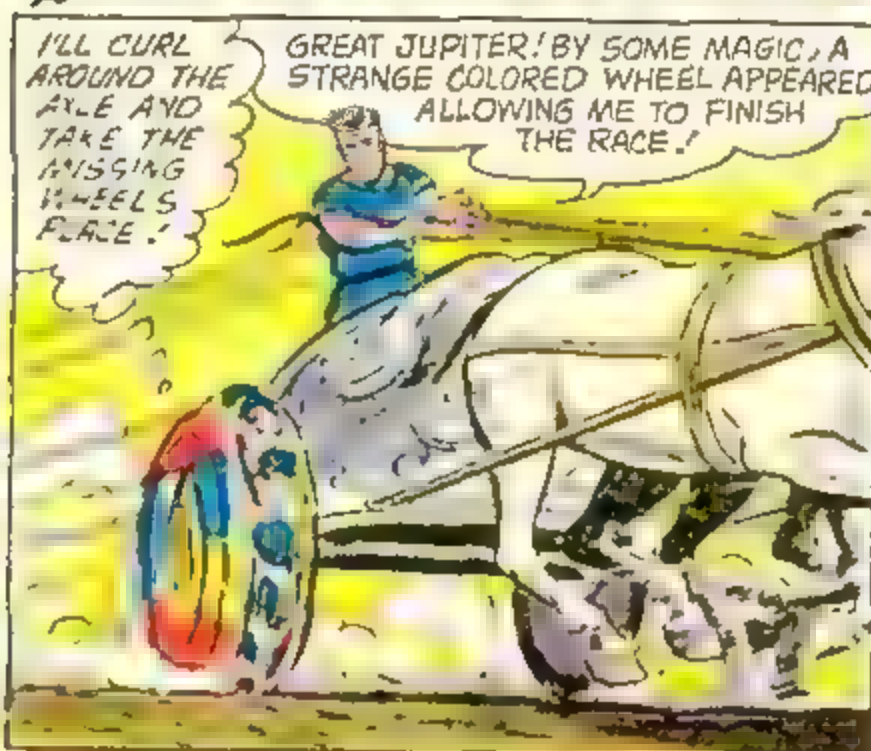
I'LL CHANGE AND GET ON THE JOB! BUT IF THE KING SEES ME USING SUPER-POWER, HE'LL CALL ME THE AVENGER & THE A.C.



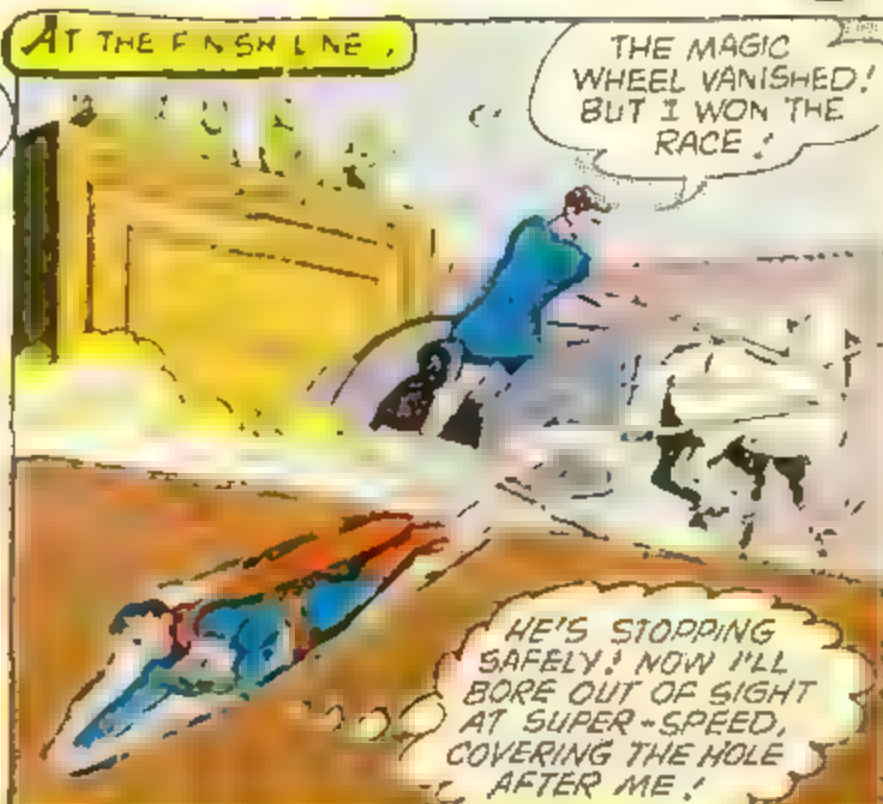
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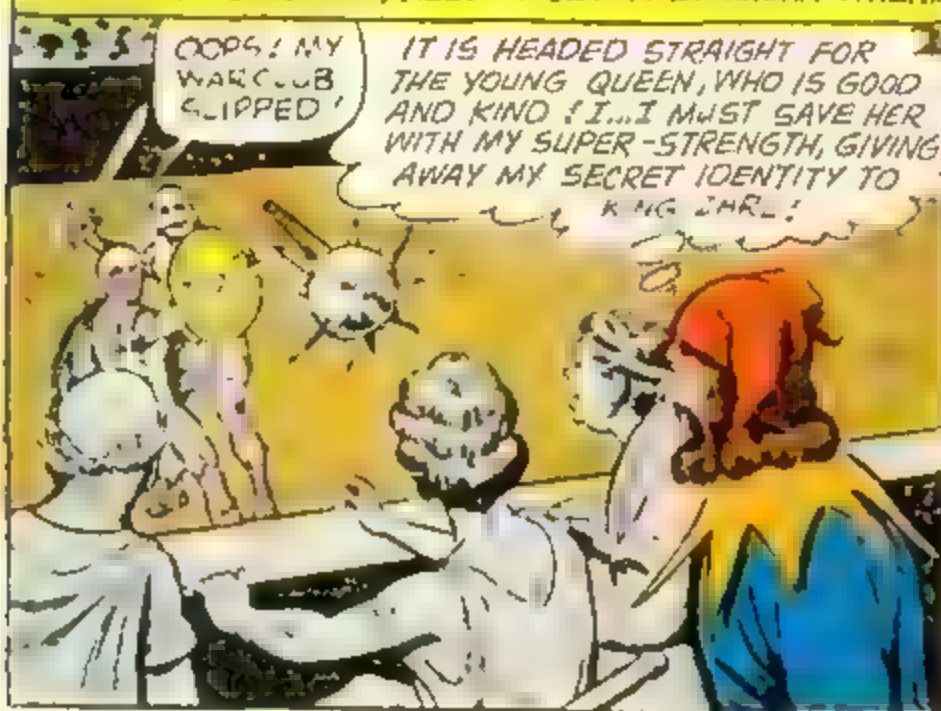
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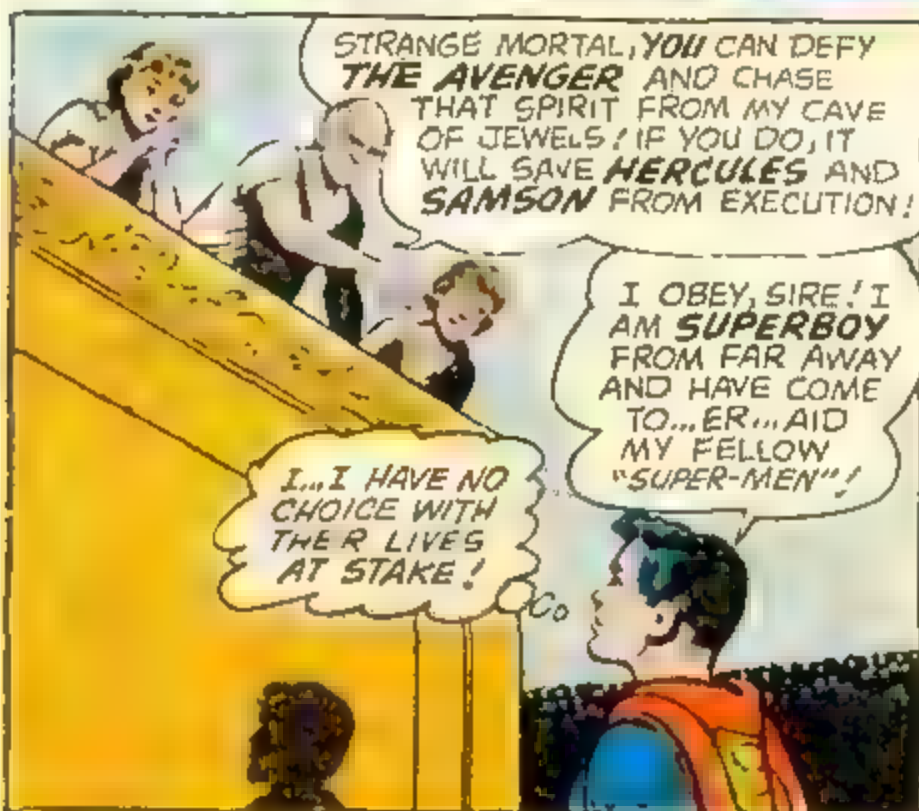
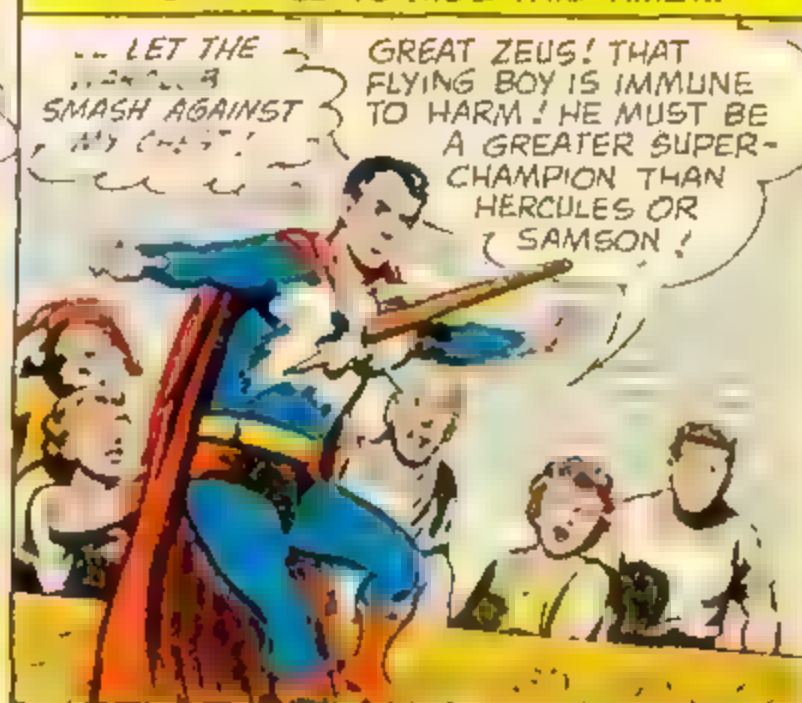
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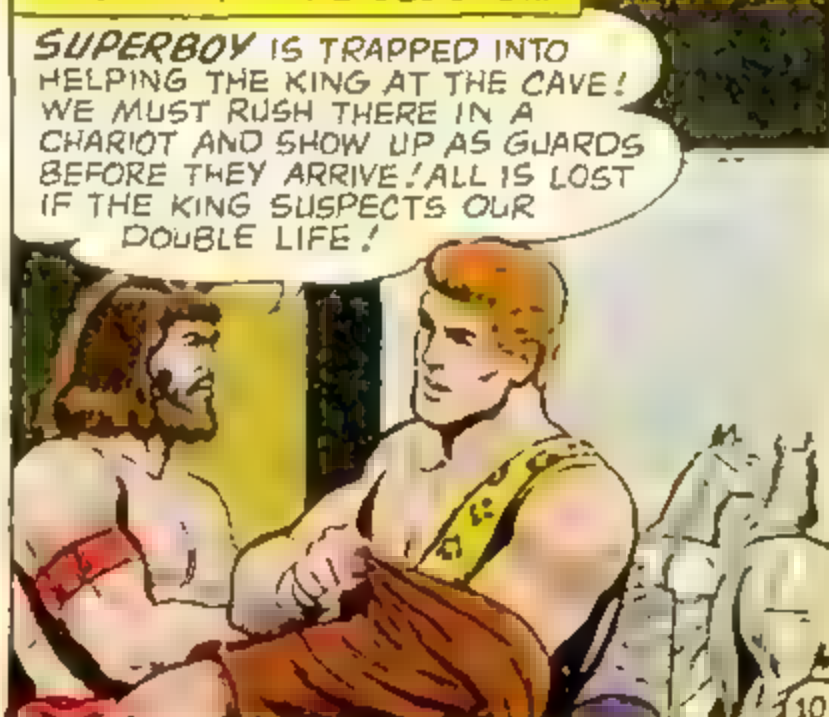
LATER, **MERRIO** THE COURT JESTER, WHO IS REALLY **SAMSON** IN DISGUISE, ALSO FACES A DILEMMA WHEN...



AGAIN, **SUPERBOY** IS ON THE JOB, BUT WITH NO CHANCE TO HIDE THIS TIME...



HASTILY MEETING, **HERCULES** AND **SAMSON** DISCARD THEIR DISGUISES...





PRESENTLY, AT THE CAVE...

HERCULES AND SAMSON WERE UNABLE TO DEFEAT **THE AVENGER!** BUT WITH YOUR SUPERIOR POWERS YOU CAN DRIVE THE SPIRIT AWAY FROM MY JEWELS! GO, **SUPERBOY!**

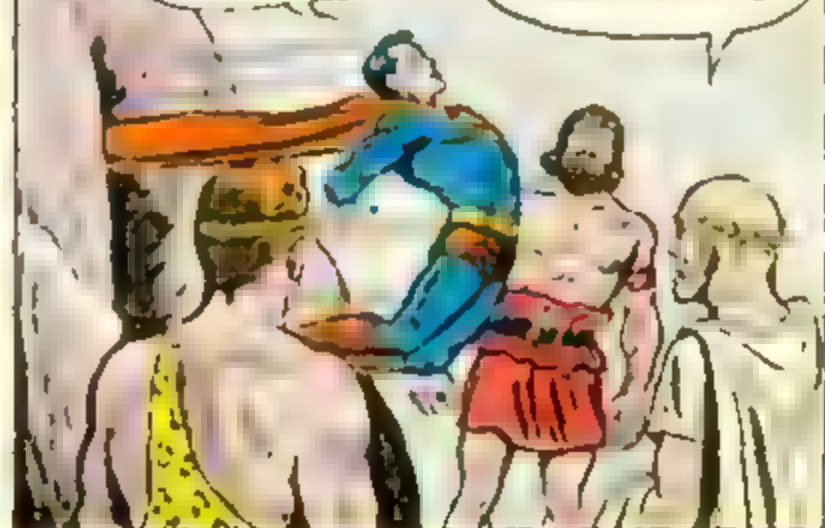
I'LL PRETEND TO PUT UP A GREAT STRUGGLE FOR A WHILE



AFTER TENSE MINUTES TICK BY...

SORRY, SIRE! I, TOO, WAS DEFEATED BY THE SUPERNATURAL POWERS OF THE SPIRIT!

EVEN WHEN YOU ARE **INVULNERABLE** TO ALL HARM? **HMM...** THIS IS VERY SUSPICIOUS!



WHAT IF THERE IS **NOTHING** IN THE CAVE! IT MAY BE A TRICK TO KEEP ME FROM MY JEWELS! MARCH AHEAD OF ME AS MY BODYGUARDS! I WANT TO LOOK INSIDE MYSELF AND SEE **THE AVENGER...** IF HE EXISTS!

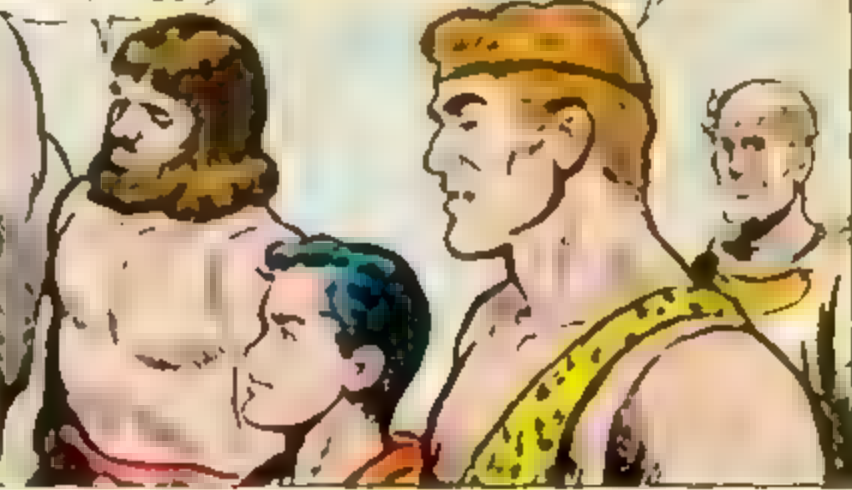
WE'RE TRAPPED! OUR HOAX WILL BE EXPOSED... **SCULP!**



HAS **SUPERBOY** FAILED TO SAVE HIS FELLOW "**SUPER-MEN**" OF THE PAST?

THE KING WILL SEE THE JEWELS MISSING AND HAVE US EXECUTED! HE IS OUR RULER AND HAS THE LEGAL POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER US!

AND WE CAN'T UH... FIGHT AN "**AVENGING SPIRIT**" THAT NEVER EXISTED!



BUT FANTASTICALLY, SOMETHING COMES FORTH FROM THE CAVE TO BLOCK THEIR PATH!

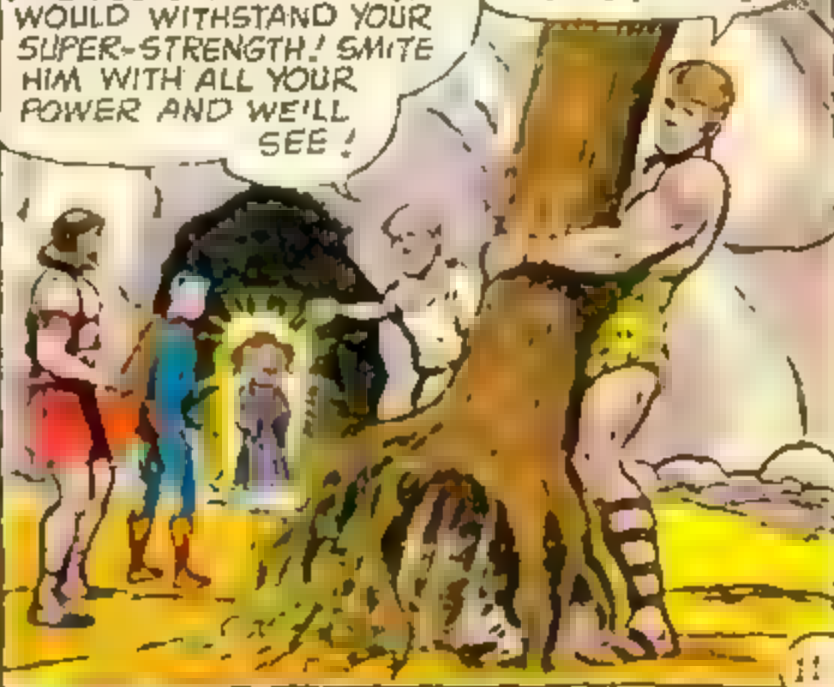
GREAT HERMES! WHERE DID... DID THAT **REAL** SPIRIT COME FROM?

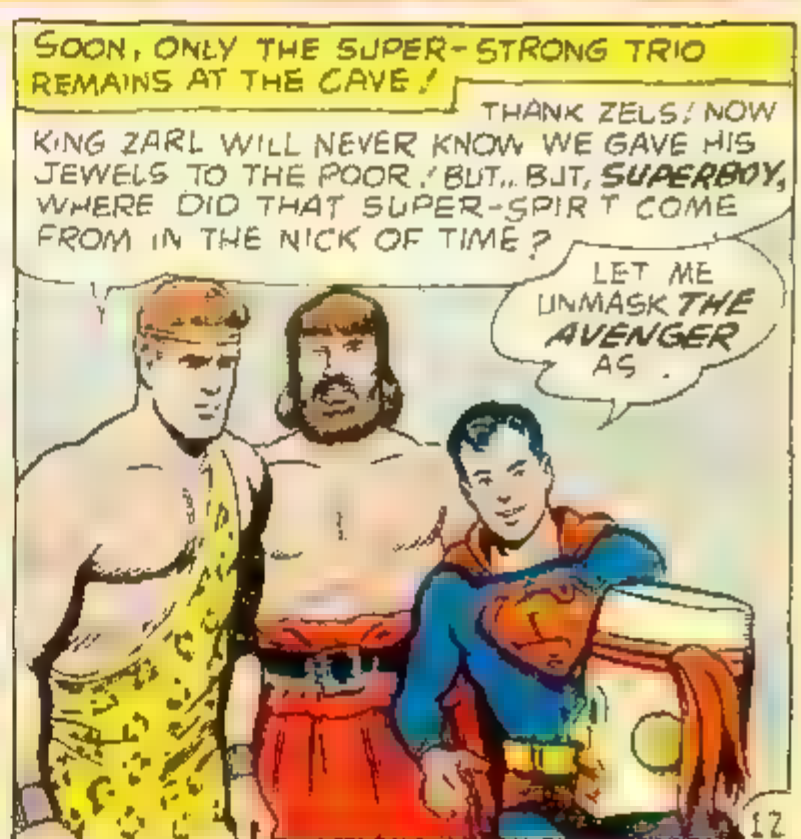
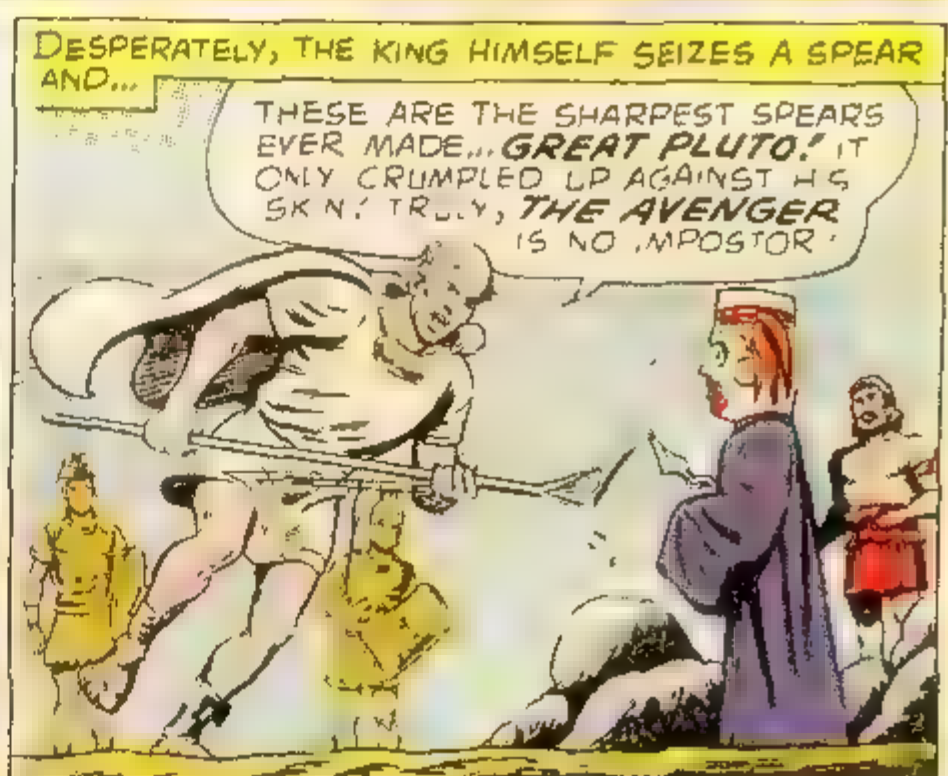
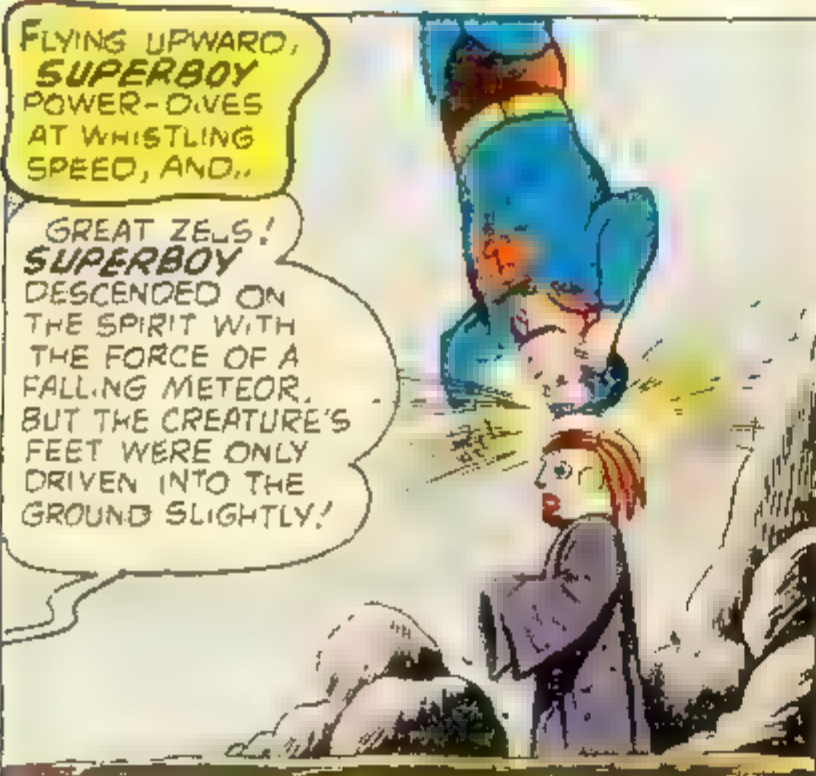
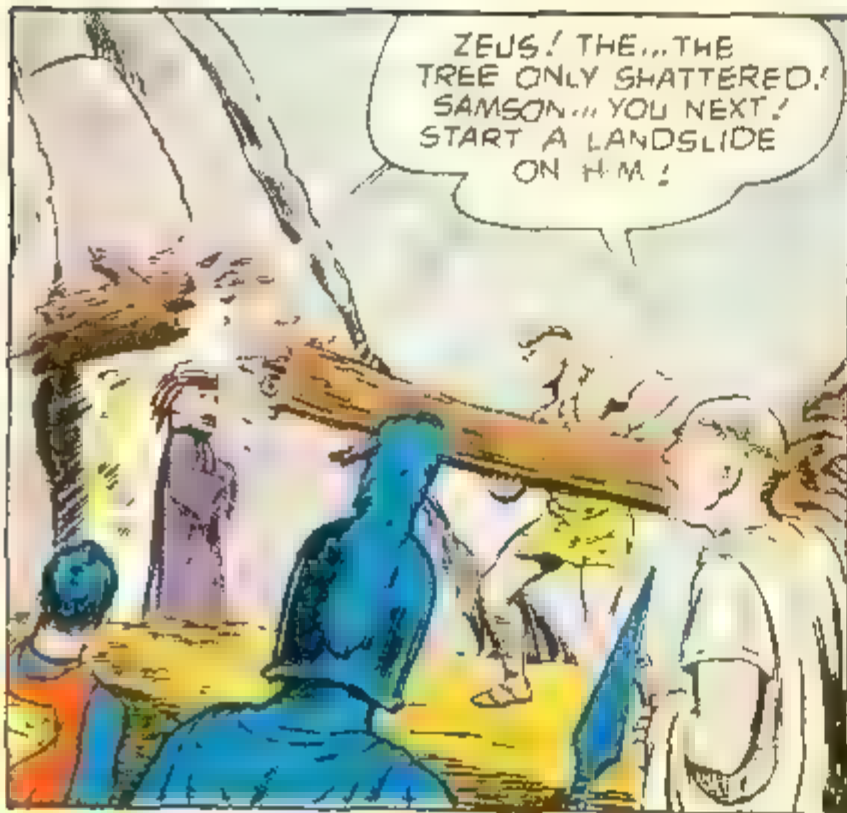
HALT, ALL OF YOU! HARKEN, KING ZARL! YOU GAINED THE CAVE JEWELS UNFAIRLY BY OVERTAXING YOUR POOR SUBJECTS! I AM **THE AVENGER!** I WILL NEVER LET YOU SEE THE TREASURE AGAIN!



BAH, IT MIGHT STILL BE A TRICK OF YOURS! IF **THE AVENGER** WERE REAL, HE WOULD WITHSTAND YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH! SMITE HIM WITH ALL YOUR POWER AND WE'LL SEE!

I'LL UPROOT THIS DEAD TREE AS A CLUB, SIRE!







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IT'S KRYPTO, YOUR SUPERDOG!

RIGHT! I USED MY SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM TO MAKE HIM SEEM TO SPEAK! YOU SEE, WHEN I PRETENDED TO BATTLE THE SPIRIT INSIDE THE CAVE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES

"I REALLY CARRIED OUT ANOTHER PLAN, AFTER SMASHING OUT OF THE BACK OF THE CAVE"

I'LL SEND A SUPER-WHISTLE ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER, WHICH KRYPTO'S SUPER-HEARING WILL PICK UP!

MY MASTER NEEDS ME!

NOW I'LL RETURN THIS COSTUME KRYPTO WORE! I PREVIOUSLY MADE A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT TO AFRICA BORROWING IT FROM THE WITCH DOCTOR OF A PYGMY TRIBE! BYE NOW, HERCULES AND SAMSON!

KRYPTO'S SUPER-POWERS CONVINCED KING ZARL THAT THE AVENGER WAS UNBEATABLE! THANKS FOR SAVING OUR LIVES, SUPERBOY!

BACK IN SMALLVILLE, AS CLARK KENT GOES TO HISTORY CLASS AT SCHOOL

POSSESSING SUPER-STRENGTH HERCULES AND SAMSON WERE LIKE SUPERMEN OF ANCIENT TIMES! BUT OF COURSE THEY HAD NO SECRET IDENTITIES LIKE OUR OWN FAMOUS SUPERBOY!

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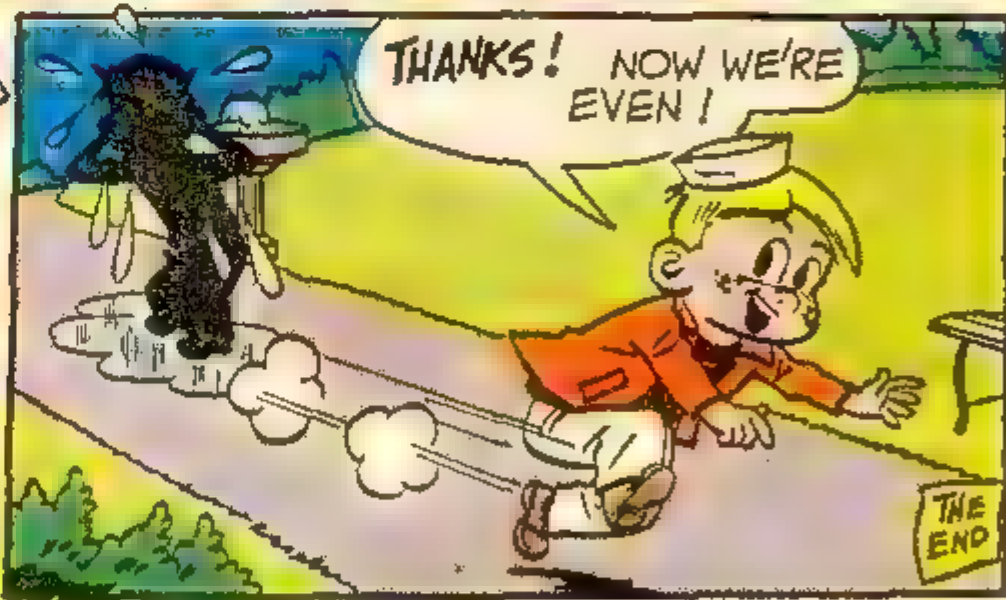
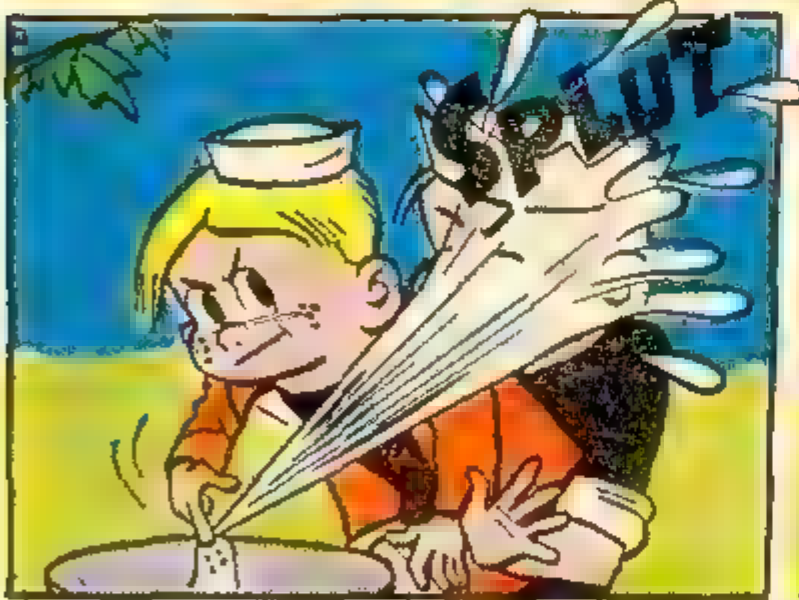
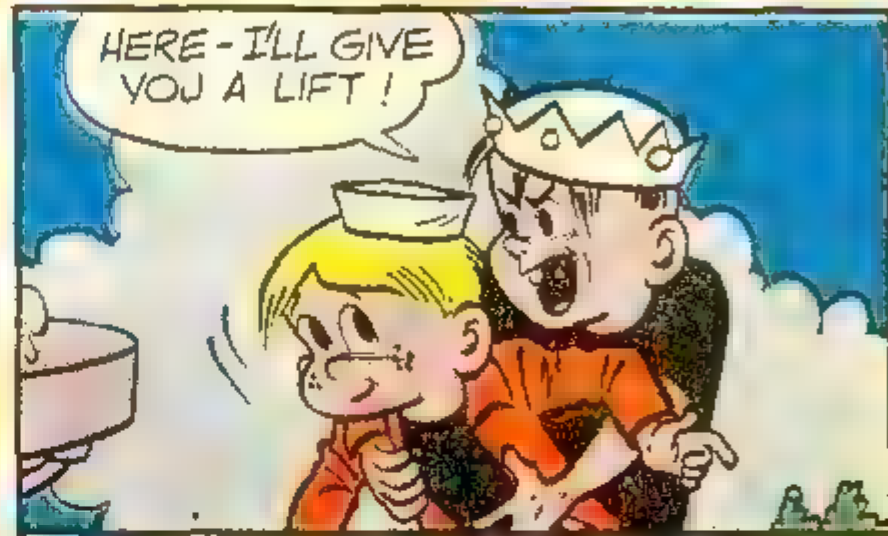
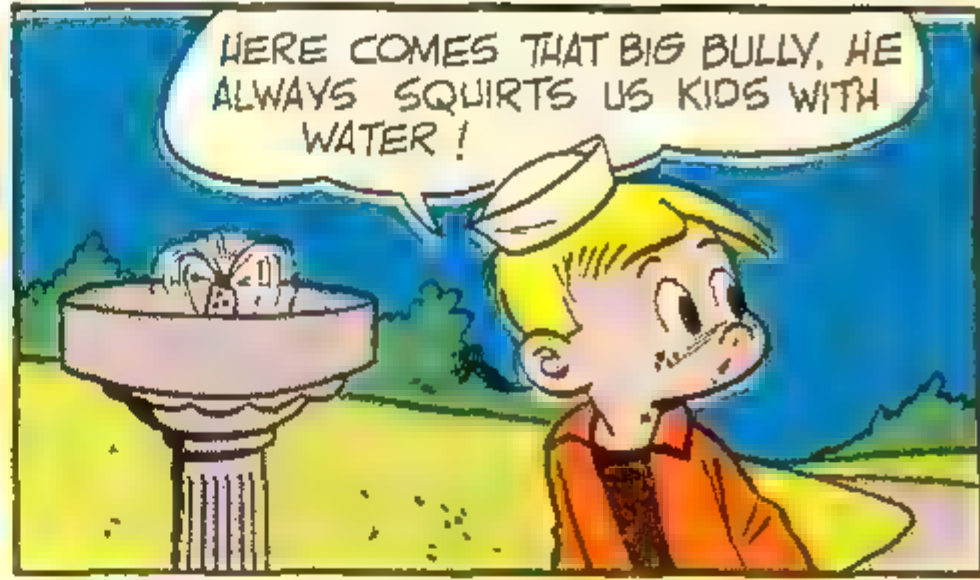
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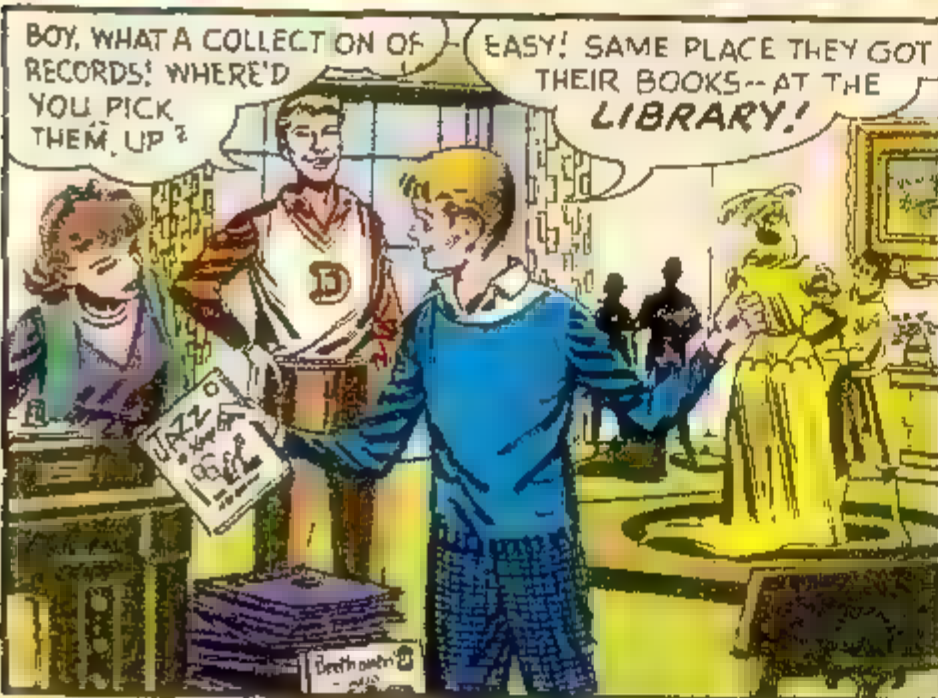
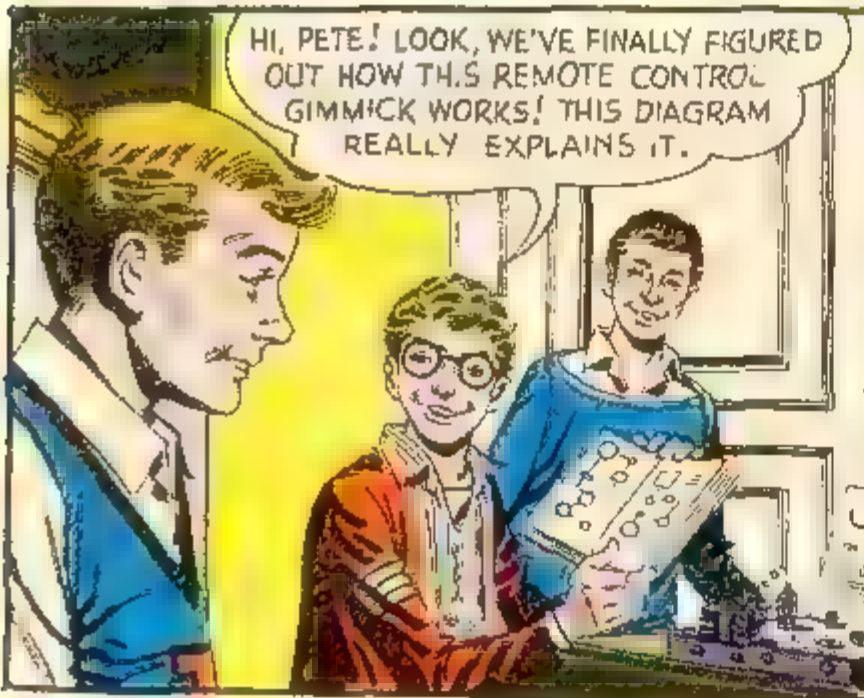


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THE GREEN ARROW

WHY, SUDDENLY, SH... THE UNDERWORLD NO LONGER FEAR THE USUALLY AWESOME BOWS OF GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY? WHY DO CRIMINALS SUDDENLY LAUGH TAUNTINGLY AS AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY THWART THE AM... ARROWS OF THE BATTLING BOWMEN? IN WHAT PHENOMENON C...

THE ARROWS THAT FAILED

TAKE YOUR TIME DON'T WORRY ABOUT GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY! THEY COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN!



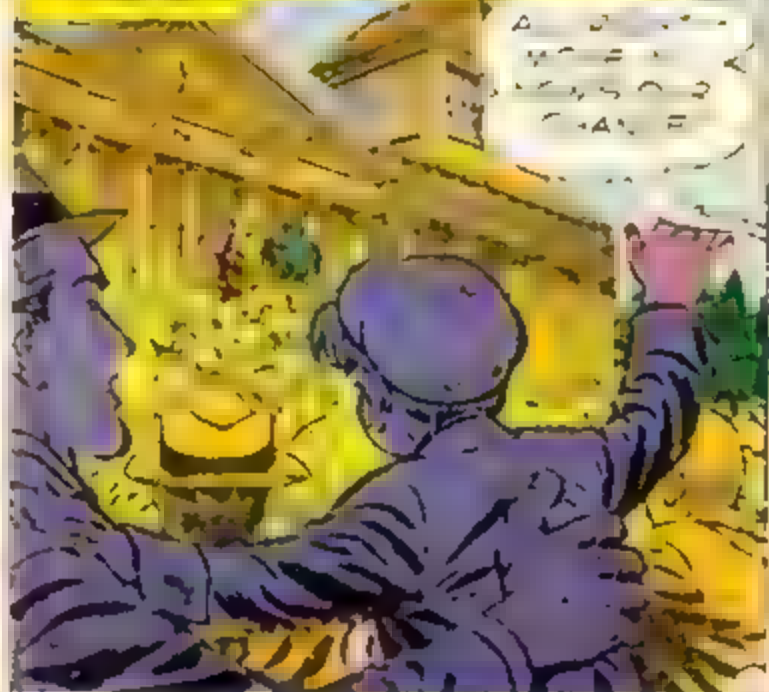
IN THIS HIDEOUT, ON THIS PARTICULAR DAY, ONE OF GANGLAND'S MOST DRAWN UP

Y THOSE TWO BOTTLES OF STOP GREEN ARROW?

CHEMICAL FORMULA I'VE STOLEN FROM THE STATE LAB WILL PUT AN END TO HIS BOTHERSOME BOW! YOU'LL SEE TOMORROW-- AFTER THE CELEBRATION!



...THE FAMED ARCHERS SIGN AUTOGRAPHS FOR FANS AND AS...



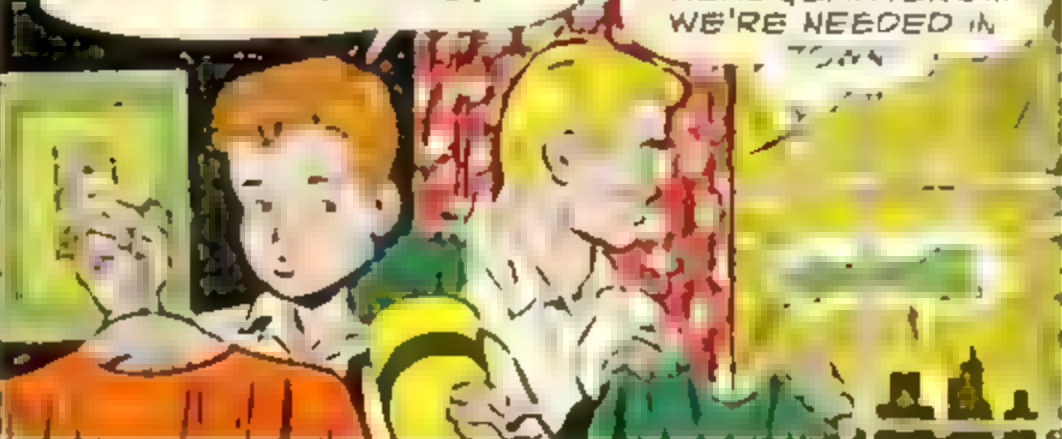
NOTICED BY THEM THE BEYOND, ANY OF THE THROTTLE, TAC, HARS OF HANDS, QUICKLY GO TO WORK.



THAT EVENING, WHEN **GREEN ARROW** AND **SPEEDY** RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES, AS USUAL, THEY OLIVER GREEN AND HIS YOUNG MAN, ROY HARRISON.

WHEW! I SURE APPRECIATED THE GOOD TIME THE FOLKS SHOWED US, OLIVER--BUT I GOT LESS TROUBLE FIGHTING CROOKS THAN SIGNING ALL THOSE AUTOGRAPHS!

WELL, THEN--GET BACK INTO YOUR COSTUME, ROY! THERE'S **ARROW-SIGNAL** FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS... WE'RE NEEDED IN TOWN!



A FEW SHORT MOMENTS, THE FAMED **ARROWCAR** WHEELS INTO A DARK, TWISTING STREET.



THEY ARE BOSS--**GREEN ARROW** AND THE KID!

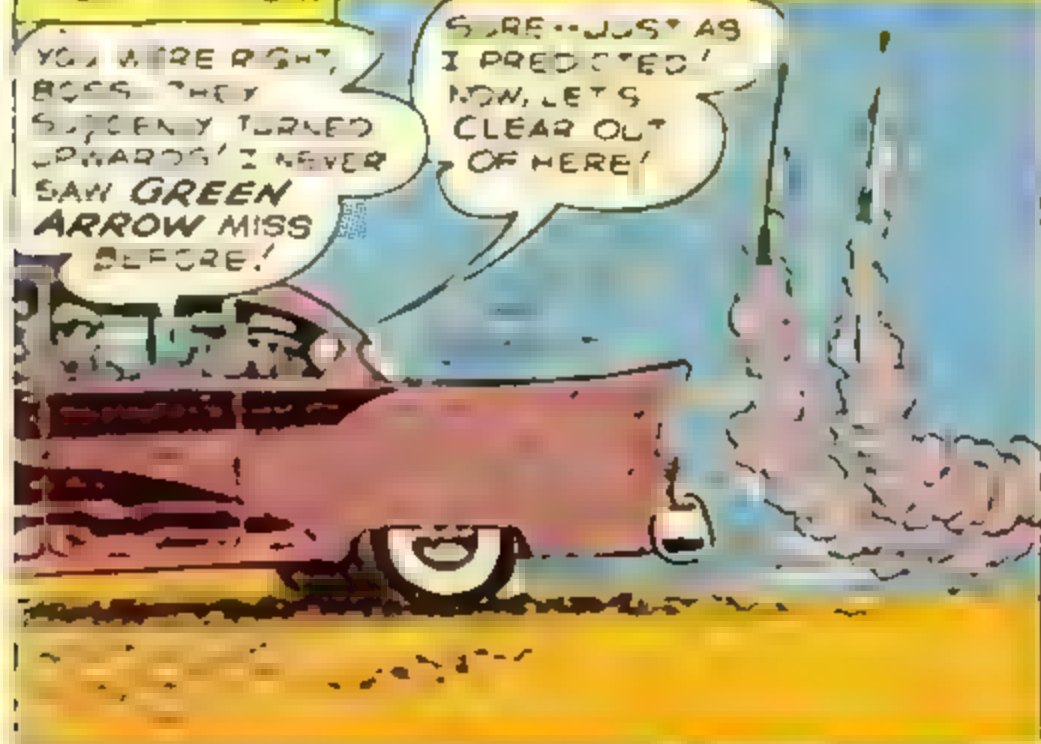
NO NEED TO RUSH, BOYS. THEY CAN'T HARM US!

THEY CAME OUT THE TOWN ASSAYING OFFICE, **G.A.!**



YES--LOADED DOWN WITH PRECIOUS MINERALS. BUT WE'RE NEEDED TO STOP THEM! HERE THE **SMOKE ARROWS**--THEN WE'LL CLOSE IN!

BUT AMAZINGLY, JUST BEFORE THE ARROWS REACH THEIR MARKS...



YOU WERE RIGHT, BOSS. THEY SUDDENLY TURNED UPWARDS! I NEVER SAW **GREEN ARROW** MISS BEFORE!

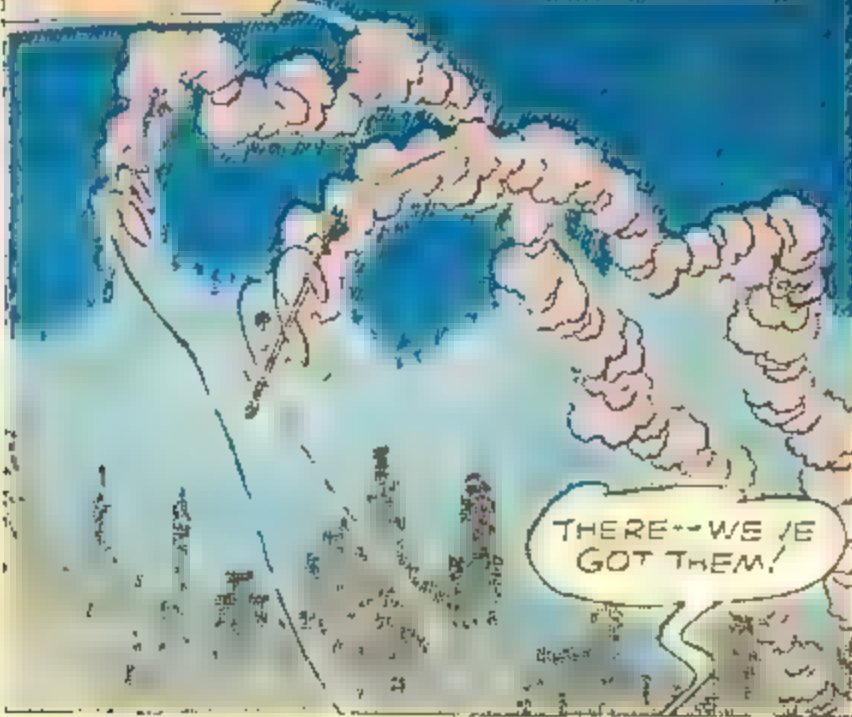
SURE--JUST AS I PREDICTED! NOW, LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE!

GOLLY--WHAT WENT WRONG, **G.A.?**



BEATS ME **SPEEDY!** ANYWAY, WE CAN'T GO AFTER THOSE CROOKS WE MUST RETRIEVE OUR **SMOKE ARROWS** BEFORE THEY FALL ON SOME INNOCENT PARTY!

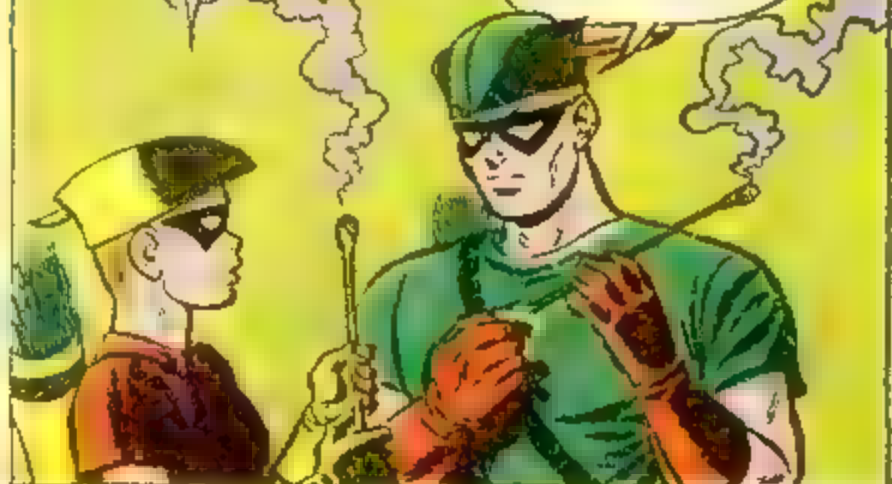
SIMULTANEOUSLY, TWO **ARROWLINES** ARE
FRED, AND...



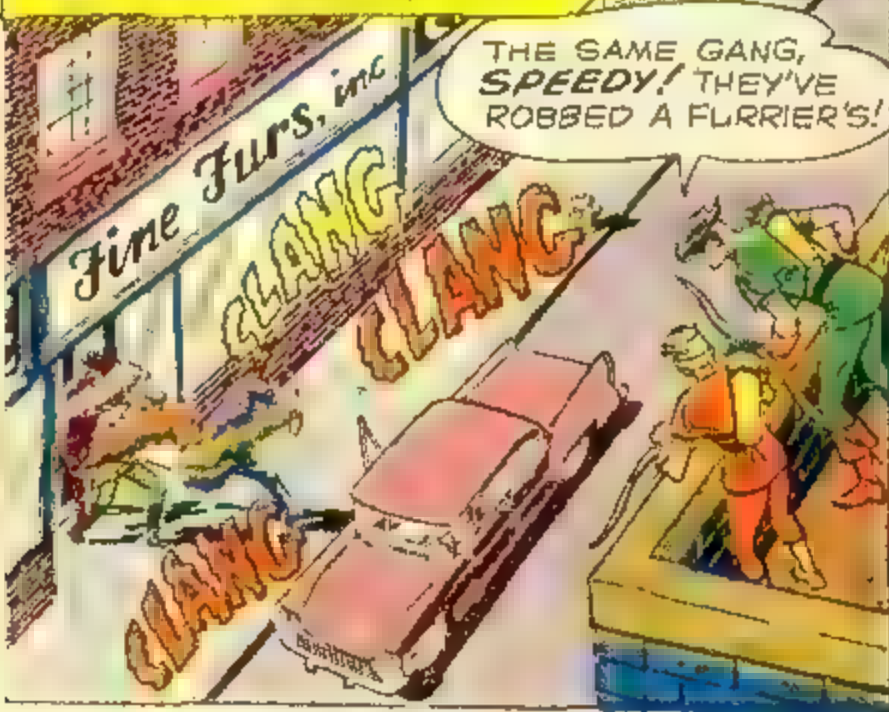
THERE--WE'VE
GOT THEM!

THERE ARE NO FLAWS
ON THE ARROWS--YET,
WHEN THEY NEARED
THE TARGET, THEY
SUDDENLY CHANGED
COURSE!

IF JUST ONE OF US
HAD MISSED, IT
COULD'VE BEEN A
FLUKE! BUT WITH
BOTH OF US
MISSING, IT
BECOMES A
BAFFLING
SITUATION!

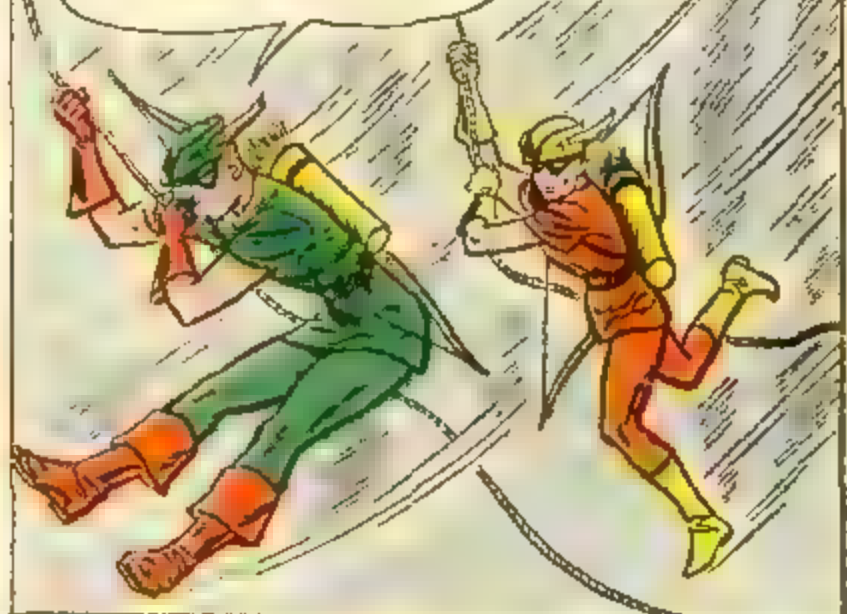


AND THE MYSTERY DEEPENS ON THE
FOLLOWING EVENING, WHEN...



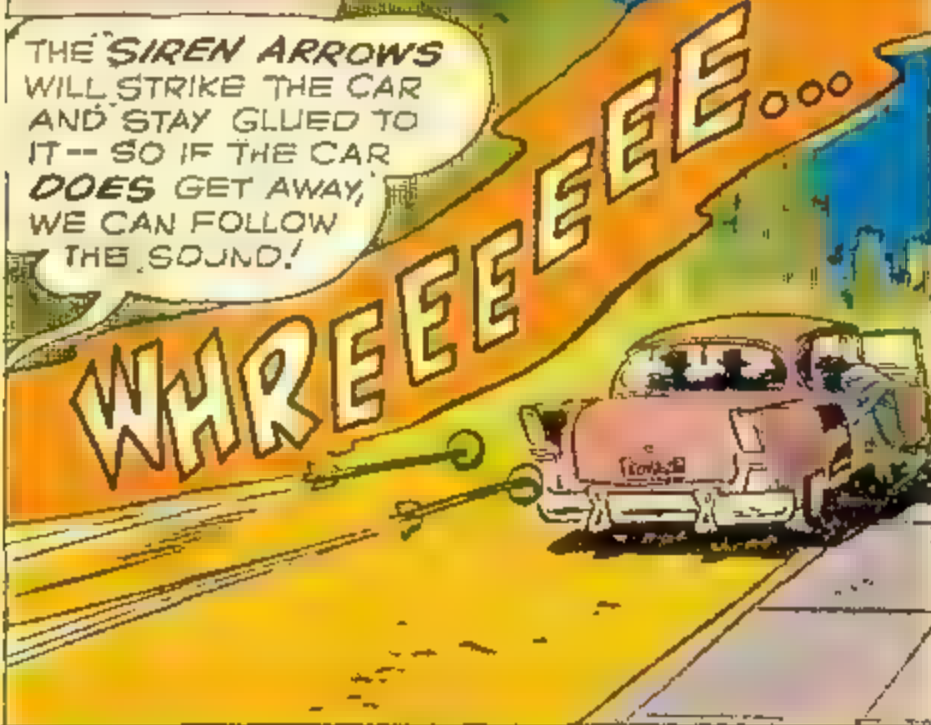
THE SAME GANG,
SPEEDY! THEY'VE
ROBBED A FURRIER'S!

WHEN WE LAND, USE THE **SIREN
ARROWS!** THAT'LL SUMMON POLICE
TO SET UP A DRAGNET... THEN WE'LL
GET THE CAR TIRES-- AND HAVE
THE GANG TRAPPED!



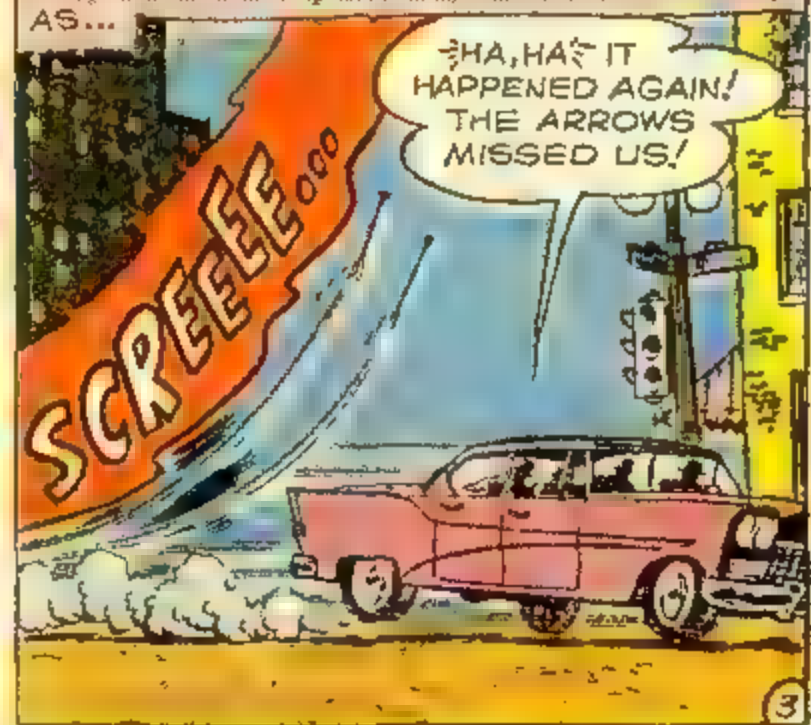
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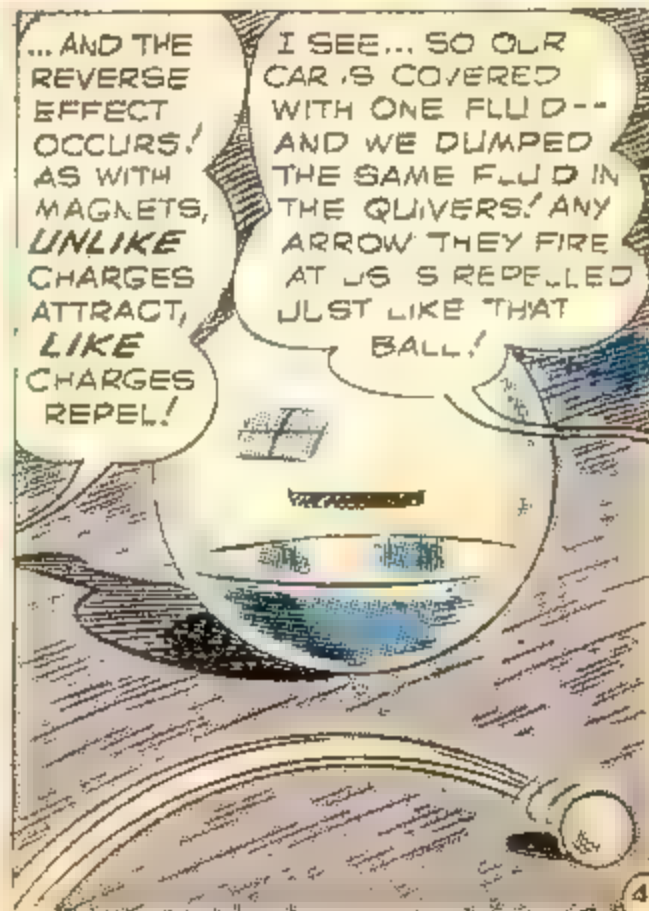
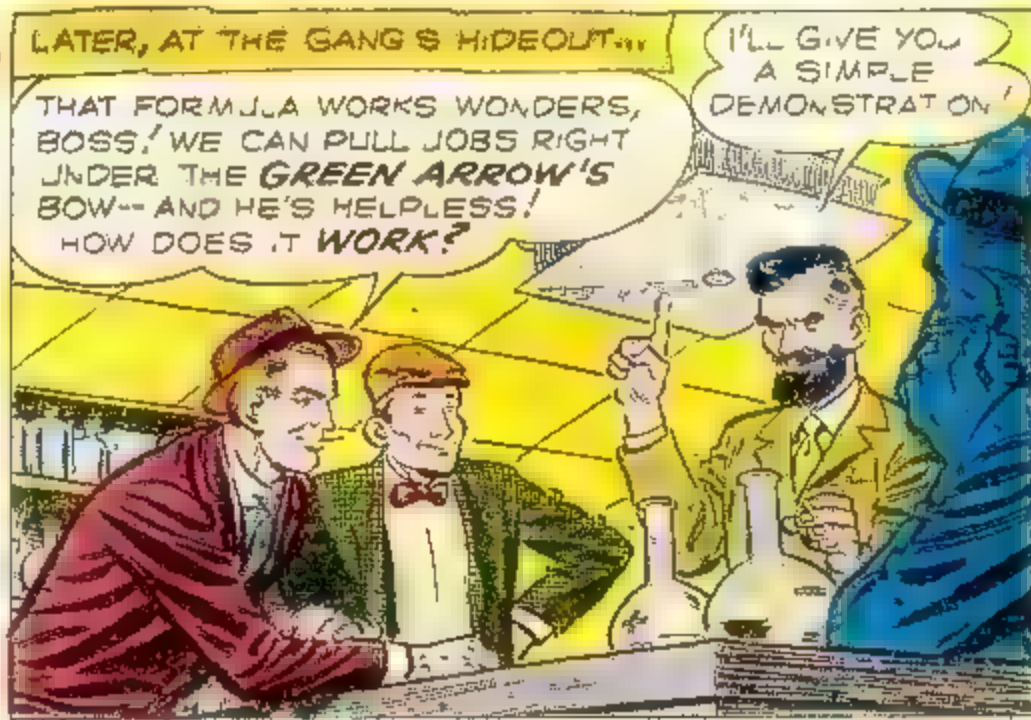
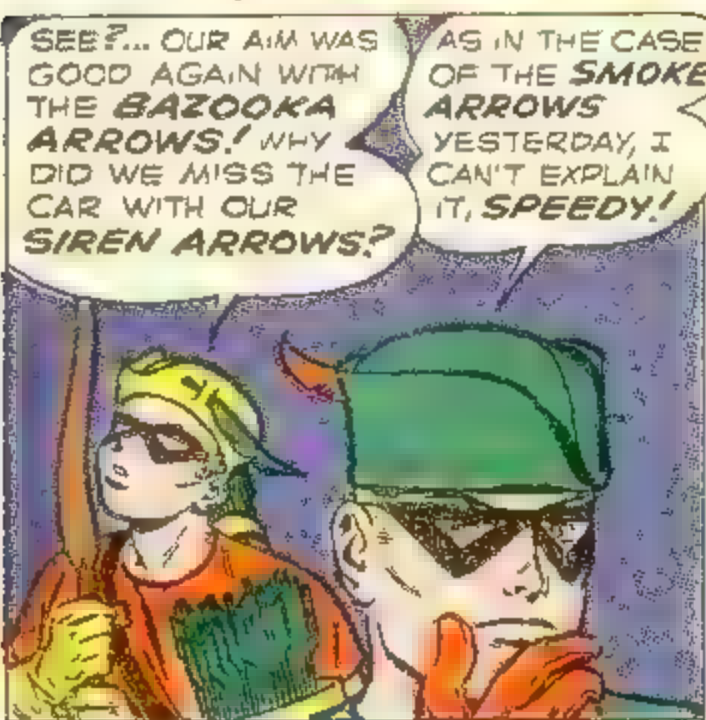
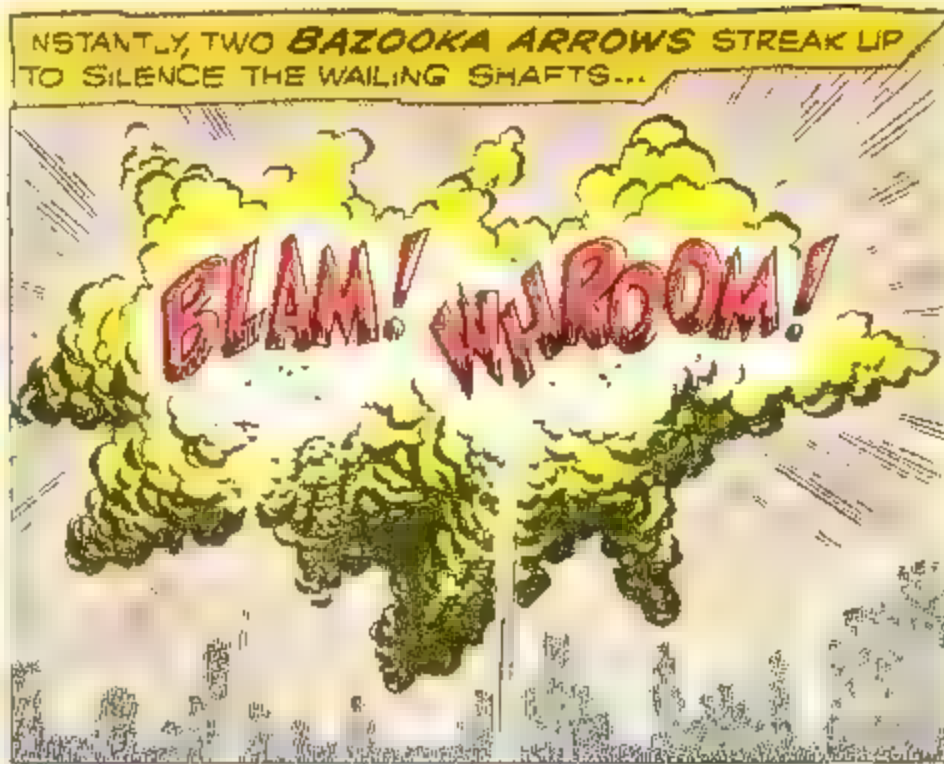
THE **SIREN ARROWS**
WILL STRIKE THE CAR
AND STAY GLUED TO
IT-- SO IF THE CAR
DOES GET AWAY,
WE CAN FOLLOW
THE SOUND!



BUT ONCE MORE, THE INCREDIBLE OCCURS,
AS...

HA, HA! IT
HAPPENED AGAIN!
THE ARROWS
MISSED US!





THUS, ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS RAIN FALLS ON THE CITY.

WHATTA YOU KNOW?

CAN'T TOUCH US! IN THE RAIN
DOESN'T WASH THE CHEMICAL

ARROWS

BUT THEY

DOESN'T WASH THE

CHEMICAL

BUT THE RAIN MAKES **ANOTHER**
DIFFERENCE--IN THE BATTLING

GREAT GUNS! THE BOWSTRINGS
WE TRED
CHANGING **SPEEDY**

WAX THE NEW
STRINGS!

IMPROVISE



T BOW-- AND
A MAKESHIFT ARROW TO
FIT IT... A **ONE-WAY**
STREET SIGN!

EASED, AND

NO TIME TO GO AFTER
IT, EITHER! JUMP IN... WE
GOTTA SCRAM OUT OF
HERE!



WE RECOVERED
THE BANK MONEY--
EVEN THOUGH
THEY GOT AWAY!
OUR AIM IS

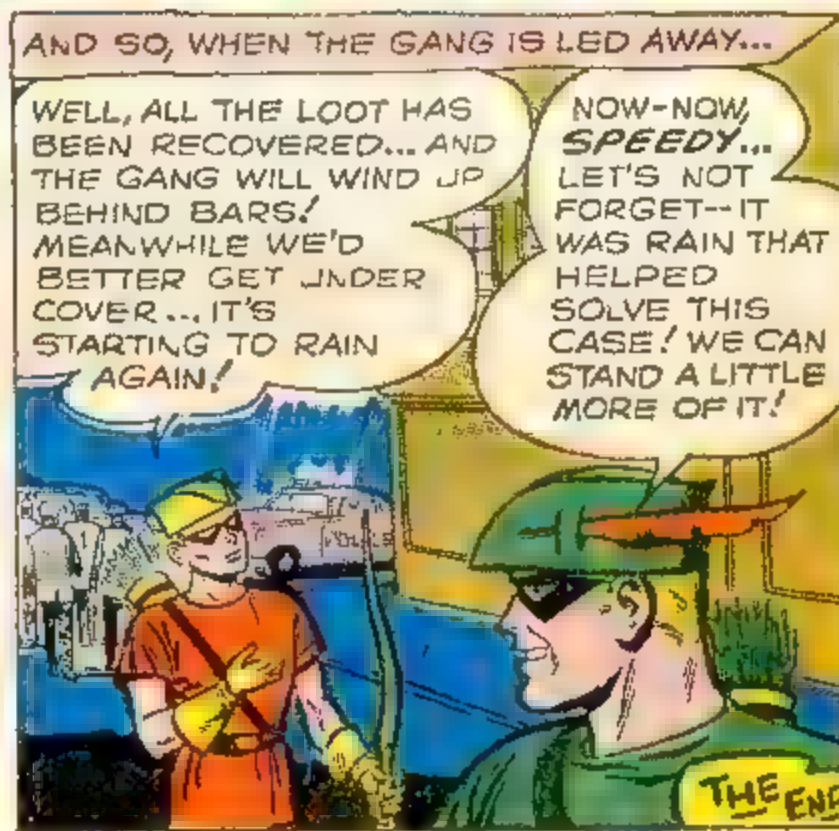
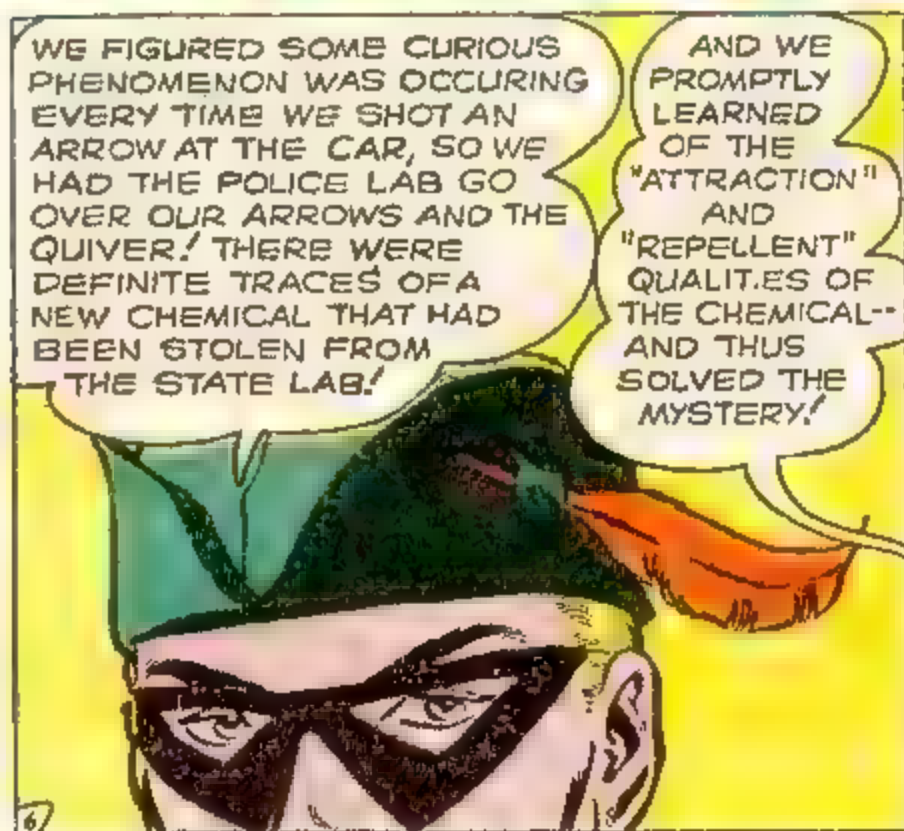
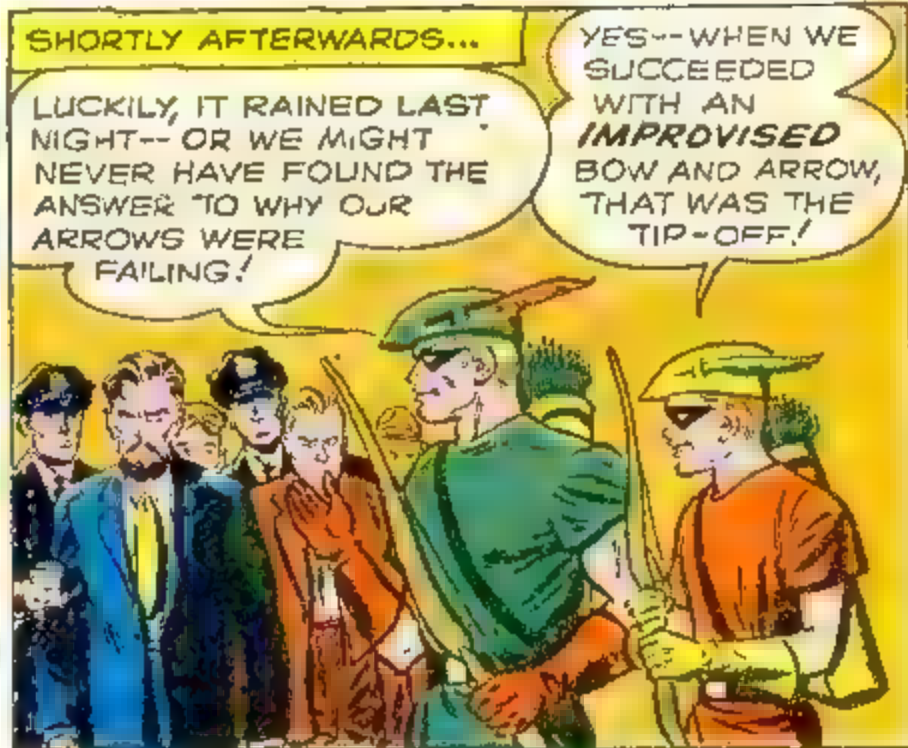
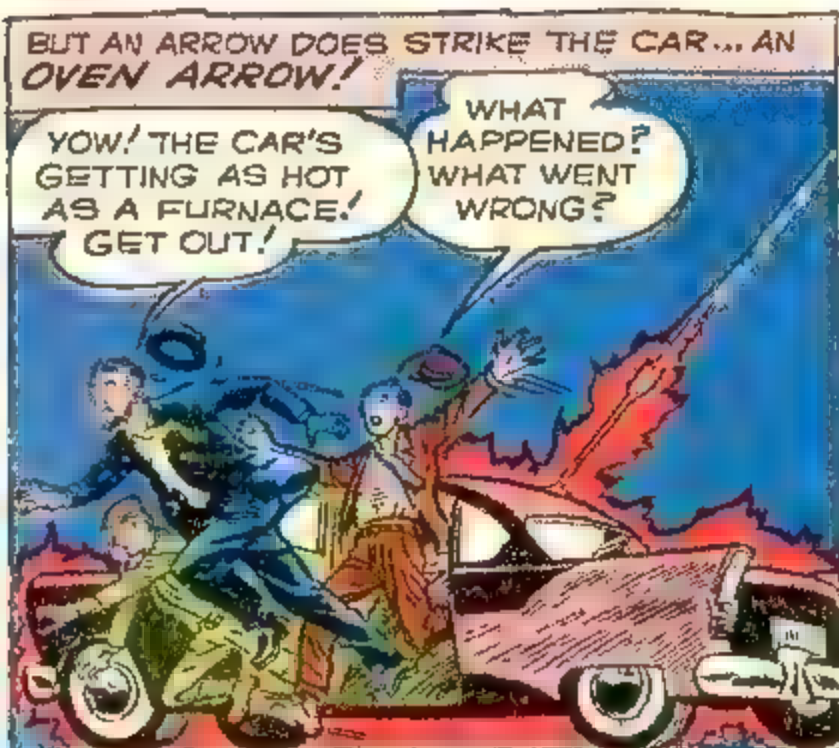
FUNNY, THOUGH
WE DON'T
USE ONE OF OUR
OWN ARROWS--
AND FOR THE FIRST
TIME SINCE WE

A HIT! HMM--I
THINK WE'LL VISIT
THE POLICE LAB!

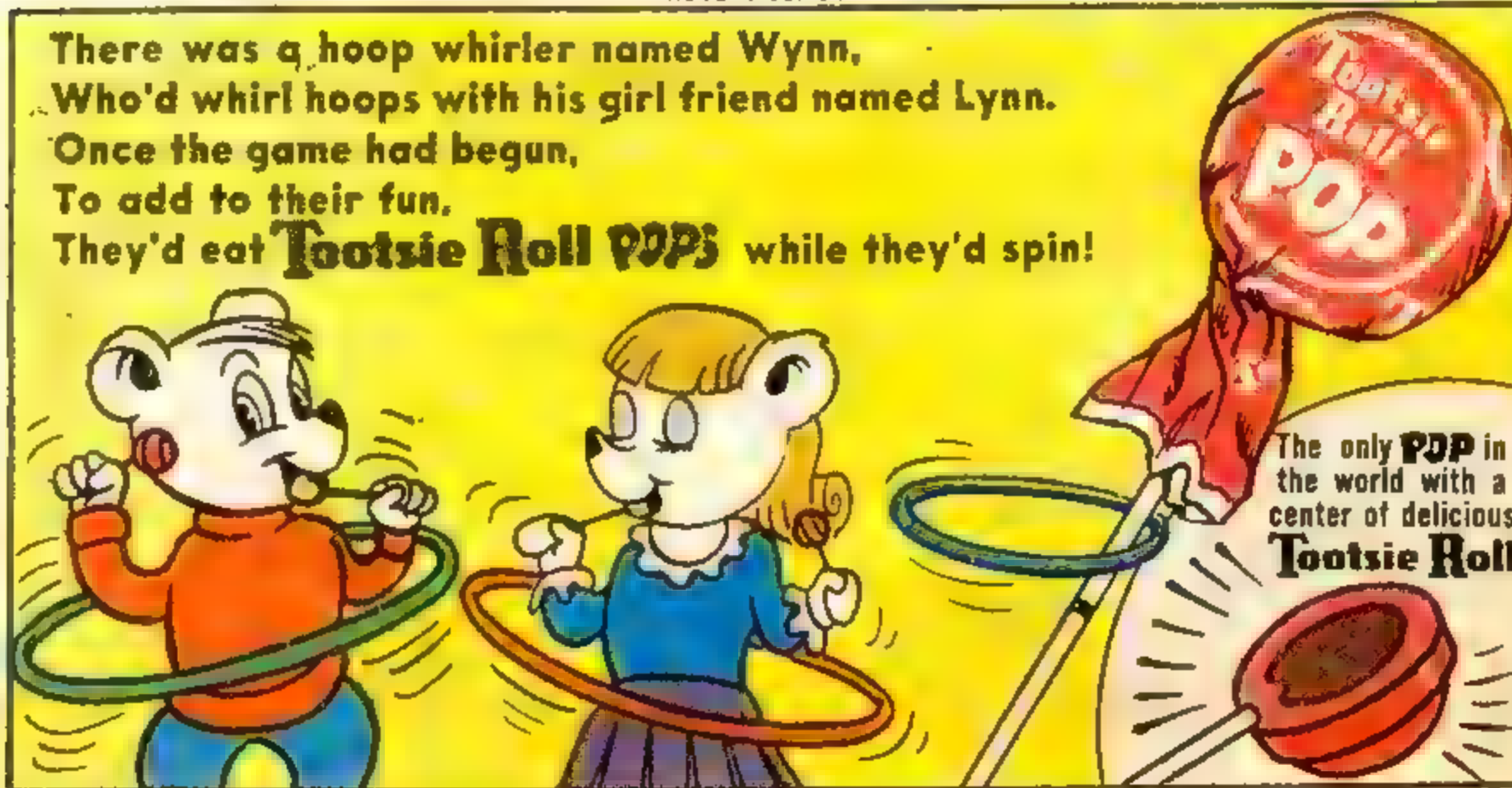
ARROW-PLANE
GREEN ARROW!
GET BACK IN THE CAR

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DADDY ALWAYS LETS ME USE THE CAR. I'LL SURPRISE HIM BY CLEANING IT UP.



FIRST I'LL WASH IT--IT'S TERRIBLY DIRTY



DADDY WILL BE PROUD OF ME!



WHO LET ALL THE AIR OUT OF ALL MY TIRES?



I DID. THAT AIR HAS BEEN IN THERE SINCE YOU GOT THE CAR. I FIGURED YOU'D LIKE SOME NICE NEW FRESH AIR!

The STORY THOUSANDS OF FANS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR!

"SUPERBOY MEETS THE YOUNG GREEN ARROW!"

in the next issue of ADVENTURE COMICS!



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MY SUPER-BREATH GUIDED HIS ARROW TO THE TARGET! THIS BOY PLAYING "ROBIN HOOD" DOESN'T KNOW IT YET, BUT WHEN HE GROWS UP HE'LL BE THE GREEN ARROW, WORLD'S GREATEST ARCHER!

GOLDY, MY AIM WAS IMPROVED! AT LAST I'VE HIT THE BULL'S EYE!

STARTLING! SUPERBOY MEETS THE YOUNG GREEN ARROW!



Dear Editor:

Will SUPERMAN ever meet GREEN ARROW?—Harold Kirkham, San Francisco, Cal.

(See the next issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, wherein SUPERBOY meets GREEN ARROW, when Oliver Queen was a boy himself! It's an action-packed tale that's full of surprises.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I've often wondered how Mrs. Kent sewed together SUPERBOY's costume out of blankets which she found in the rocket missile that carried him from Krypton to Earth. How could her needle have pierced the fabric, if the material is as indestructible as you claim it to be?—Ronald Wyatt, Kansas City, Mo.

(You're correct in pointing out the obvious fallacy in the creation of SUPERBOY's uniform. But there is an ingenious explanation behind the origin of the most famous uniform in the world. It's too long to explain here, but we plan to present it soon in SUPERBOY COMICS as one of our series of "Untold Tales of SUPERBOY."—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Why is SUPERBOY always worried about his identity being-exposed? And how does he take off and return to his house without anyone seeing him?—Bob Oechsner, St. Louis, Mo.

(If criminals knew SUPERBOY's identity, they could threaten harm to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, in reprisal for his curbing of their underworld activities. Incidentally, a story in the current issue of SUPERMAN, "When There Was No Clark Kent", shows what would happen if SUPERMAN ever abandoned his secret identity. As for how SUPERBOY avoids being seen when he takes off from his home—he flies out at super-speed, so fast that he is virtually invisible!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Since SUPERBOY is invulnerable and his hair can't be cut, how does he keep it from

growing longer and longer?—Michael J. Corless, Cambridge, Mass.

(This question pops up in our mail very frequently. So we'll answer it once again—SUPERBOY's hair and fingernails can only grow in the atmosphere of his home planet, Krypton, but not on Earth. That's why he never needs a haircut or a manicure.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the recent story, "The Super-Sentry of Smallville", you establish red kryptonite as having 10 times the radiation power of green kryptonite. Yet, when SUPERBOY comes within a few feet of the red stone, he just feels weak. How come?—Martin Polinsky, Newark, N. J.

(Red kryptonite affects SUPERBOY in other ways than just weakening him. The April issue of SUPERMAN features a two-part novel, "The Secret of the Futuremen", wherein criminals from the future use red kryptonite against SUPERMAN. This novel explains in great detail how red kryptonite is different from the familiar green variety.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Will Lana Lang ever meet SUPERBOY when she is grown up into an adult and he is SUPERMAN?—Dennis Hensley, Muncie, Ind.

(You bet. A reunion between SUPERMAN and Miss Lana Lang takes place in the current issue of LOIS LANE Comics, in a story entitled "The Girl Who Stole Superman's Heart."—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I have been a fan of SUPERBOY's for a long time and I especially recall the exciting adventure he once had with POWERBOY on the planet Juneau. I wish you could publish more adventures showing these two together.—Philip Taylor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(Patience, Phil. A sequel to that story is in the works.—Ed.)

AQUAMAN

A BOLD NEW ADVENTURE...
 THE KING OF
 THE SEVEN SEAS

The Imitation AQUAMAN

I--I CAN'T ESCAPE THAT
 IMPOSTOR OF ME! HE CAN DO
 ANYTHING IN THE WATER
 I CAN DO!

HA! HA! I'M A
 CINCINCH TO KEEP UP
 WITH AQUAMAN!
 I'LL SOON HAVE HIM
 SET UP FOR A F.N.A.
 SHOT!

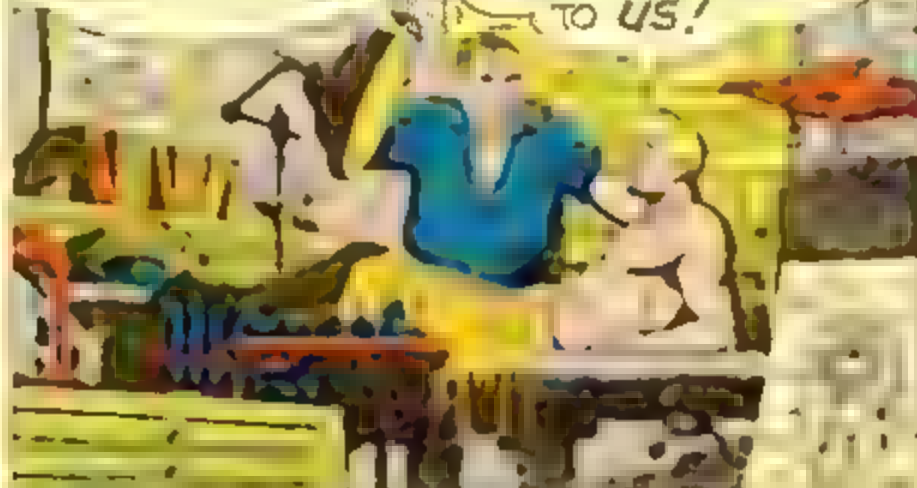
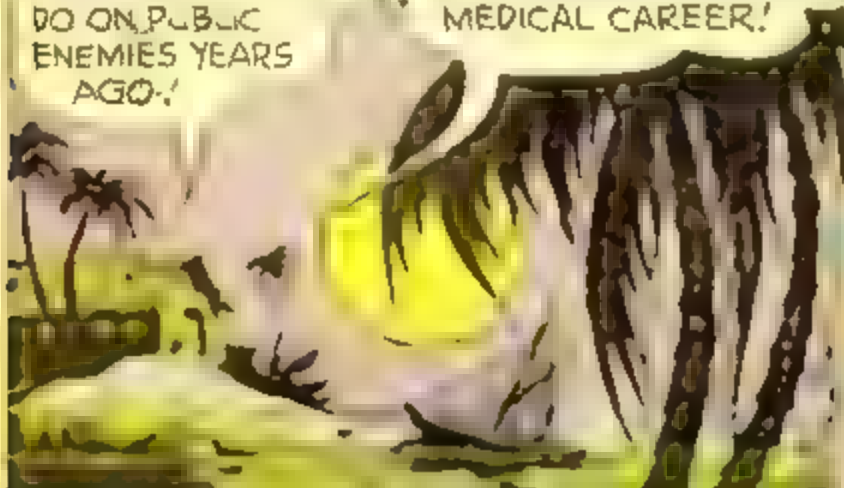
ARE YOU SURE THIS
 OPERATION WILL
 WORK, DOC? THIS
 ISN'T ONE OF THOSE
 PLASTIC SURGERY
 JOBS YOU USED TO
 DO ON PUBLIC
 ENEMIES YEARS
 AGO!

DON'T MENTION THOSE
 UNHAPPY TIMES, HADLEY!
 MY DEALINGS WITH
 CRIMINALS PUT ME IN
 PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS
 AND RUINED A BRILLIANT
 MEDICAL CAREER!

BUT TO QUIET YOUR DOUBTS,
 HADLEY, FOR YEARS I'VE
 STUDIED FISH! I CAN
 CREATE GILLS, GIVE YOU
 AN EXTRA LUNG! I CAN
 ENDOW YOU WITH ALL THE
 PHYSICAL POWERS

BECAUSE IF I
 HAVE AQUAMAN'S
 POWERS...WHATEVER'S
 ON OR BELOW THE

TO US!



A MONTH LATER, AFTER A SERIES OF OPERATIONS...

MY JOB'S DONE, HADLEY! YOU SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING AQUAMAN CAN! THE OCEAN'S YOUR BATHTUB!

STOP YAKKING, DOC! JUST TAKE OFF THE BANDAGES! I WANT TO SEE WHAT A MILLIONAIRE LOOKS LIKE!

HMM.. NICE AND FISHY-LOOKING! AND AFTER WE PILE UP OUR FORTUNE, DOC, YOUR PLASTIC SURGERY CAN RESTORE MY ORIGINAL FACE!

EASILY! NOW LET'S TEST YOUR POWERS! YOU'LL DIVE WHERE A 16TH CENTURY TREASURE SHIP IS RUMORED



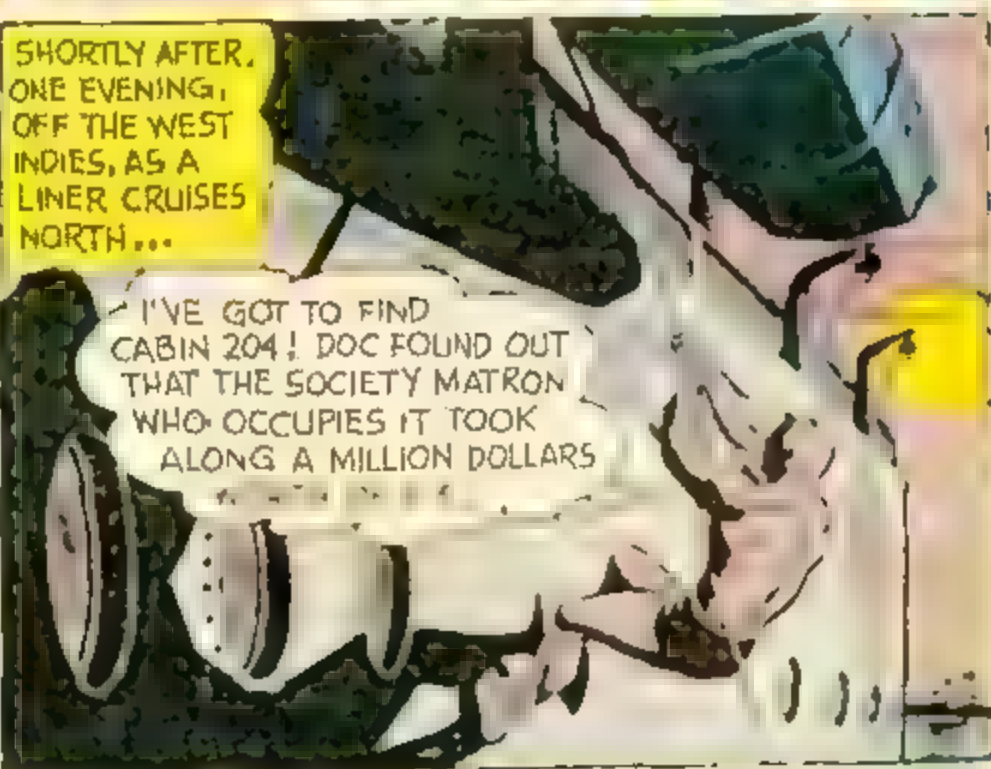
THE NEXT DAY, AS THE IMITATION AQUAMAN DIVES TO INTERFERE WITH...

IT'S FANTASTIC! I CAN STAY UNDERWATER FOR **HOURS!** I GET NO BENDS! IF ONLY I COULD PULL THIS SUNKEN SPANISH GALLEON OUT OF THE MUD! BUT WE'LL DO **OTHER** THINGS! IN FACT, DOC'S GOT MY FIRST



SHORTLY AFTER, ONE EVENING, OFF THE WEST INDIES, AS A LINER CRUISES NORTH...

I'VE GOT TO FIND CABIN 204! DOC FOUND OUT THAT THE SOCIETY MATRON WHO OCCUPIES IT TOOK ALONG A MILLION DOLLARS



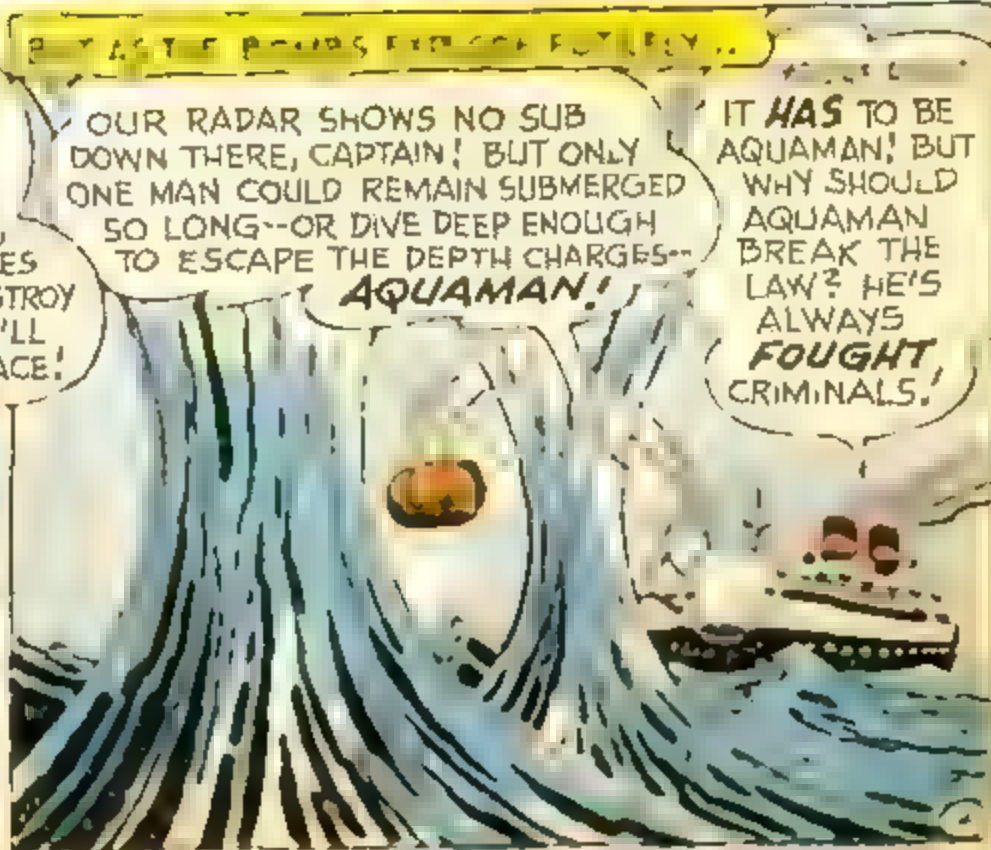
SOON...

STOP THAT MAN! HE STOLE MY JEWEL BOX! IT CONTAINS A FORTUNE IN

WE'RE TOO LATE, MRS. VAN KLYST! SINCE THERE'RE NO SHIPS NEARBY, THE THIEF MUST BE HEADING FOR A PRATE SUB! FORTUNATELY, WE'VE GOT DEPTH CHARGES THAT WE USE TO DESTROY DERELICTS! WE'LL MAKE 'EM SURFACE!

OUR RADAR SHOWS NO SUB DOWN THERE, CAPTAIN! BUT ONLY ONE MAN COULD REMAIN SUBMERGED SO LONG--OR DIVE DEEP ENOUGH TO ESCAPE THE DEPTH CHARGES--**AQUAMAN!**

IT **HAS** TO BE AQUAMAN! BUT WHY SHOULD AQUAMAN BREAK THE LAW? HE'S ALWAYS **FOUGHT** CRIMINALS!



THE NEXT MORNING AFTER THE WRECK...

HERE'S A TWIST, HADLEY! I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE RADIO! THEY'RE SAYING AQUAMAN...

WHO CARES? I JUST CAN'T WAIT TILL I USE MY NEW...



THE NIGHT AS A HURRICANE STRIKES A NEARBY AREA...

CRASH!
CRASH!

THE HURRICANE'S FLATTENING THE PLANE! EVERY HOUSE I COULDN'T! WILL NEVER RECOVER FROM THIS CATASTROPHE!



THE NEXT DAY, AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE COAST GUARD...
...AQUAMAN...
...IN THE BAY...

I'LL TAKE A FORTUNE TO REBUILD THE LOST AQUAMAN! IT'LL BE 10 YEARS BEFORE THE FORTUNES RETURN FROM THIS DISASTER!

NO MY FRIENDS ONLY 10 HOURS! I'LL WATCH ME GO INTO ACTION!

I COMMANDED THESE CREPS AND LUSTERS TO GATHER THIS OF OYSTERS!



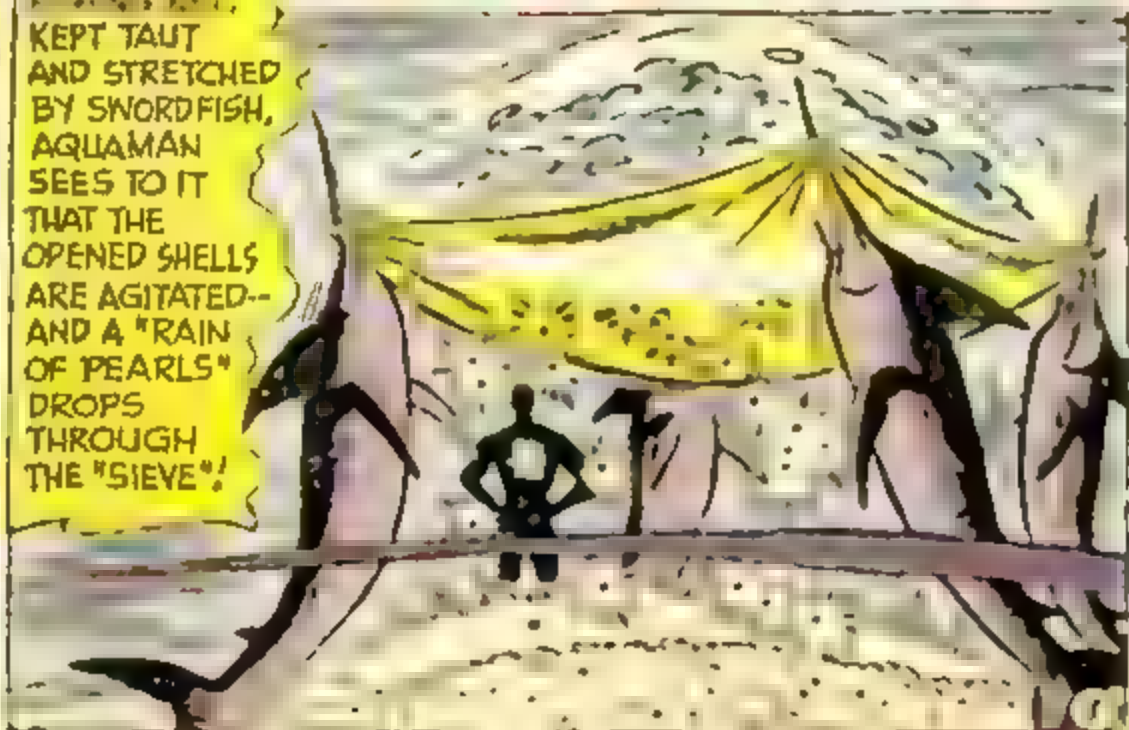
GOODBY AFTER AS AQUAMAN ATTEMPTS HIS CRUSADE IN FRIENDS AND PUTS THEM TO WORK...



AS A HURRICANE STRIKES...
...AQUAMAN'S...
...PALS OPEN THE SHELLS...

NOW I MUST CONSTRUCT SOMETHING TO SCREEN THE PEARLS FROM THE CONTENTS OF THE OYSTERS AND THEIR...

KEPT TAUT AND STRETCHED BY SWORDFISH, AQUAMAN SEES TO IT THAT THE OPENED SHELLS ARE AGITATED--AND A "RAIN OF PEARLS" DROPS THROUGH THE "SIEVE!"



G-GOOD HEAVENS, AQUAMAN! IT'S A KING'S RANSOM IN PEARLS! WITH THIS WEALTH WE CAN REBUILD OUR BY BEING

AQUAMAN!

INTO THE SEA AND SPEEDS AWAY

H-HE'S SWIMMING AWAY AT FANTASTIC

AQUAMAN

BUT AQUAMAN COULD VE KEPT **ALL** THE PEARLS

SACKFUL

HADLEY, I JUST RETURNED FROM AN

THERE, FURIOUSLY VOWING TO CAPTURE THE IMPOSTOR WHO'S BLACKENING HIS NAME--AND PROMISING TO REPLACE THE STOLEN PEARLS WITH ANOTHER GIFT!

THE SAME AFTERNOON IN THE SAME AREA WHERE

HAD FIRST TESTED HIS POWERS, THE **REAL** KING OF THE SEA PUTS A PLAN INTO ACTION!

EH? I'LL BE HAPPY TO DIP MY FINS INTO IT!

THIS SUNKEN GALLEON HAS BEEN LYING HERE FOR 300 YEARS! LEGEND HAS IT THAT HER HOLD IS FULL OF TREASURE! THE WHALES I HARNESSSED WILL TOW HER OUT OF THE MUD! THEN I CAN EXAMINE

MORE

DOC! THIS IS THE **MOST!** THAT GALLEON

ME



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THAT EVENING, AS A STRANGE FIGURE CUTS OUT THE BOTTOM OF THE TREASURE SHIP AS IT LIES IN SHALLOW WATER...

IT'LL TAKE ME A FEW HOURS TO CARRY THESE CHESTS TO DOC'S SHIP ANCHORED TWO MILES AWAY!



AQUAMAN WILL TEAR HIS HAIR OUT WHEN HE DISCOVERS HIS WISH TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS HAS BEEN THWARTED



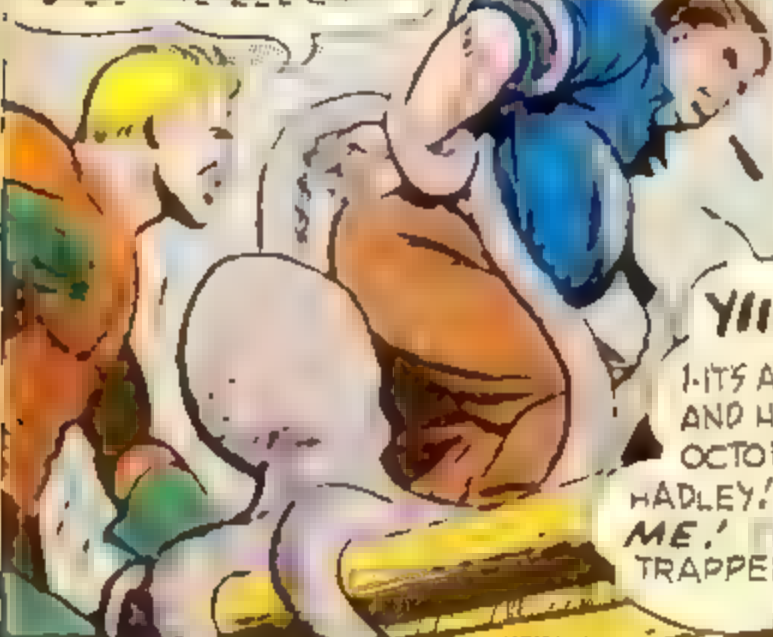
BUT WHEN AQUAMAN'S IMPOSTOR REACHES THE SIDE OF DOC'S BOAT...

S-SOMETHING'S **WRONG**, DOC! THERE'S A RAINBOW-COLORED TRAIL BEHIND ME!...LOOK! THE STAIN'S ALL OVER MY FINGERS!

YOU BLIND FOOL! IT'S **AQUAMAN'S** DOING! HE DELIBERATELY COATED EACH OF THE CHESTS WITH COLORED DYES IN ORDER TO TRAIL WHOEVER WAS STEALING HIS GIFTS!



CORRECT, MY FRIEND! NOW FIGURE YOUR WAY OUT OF TODD'S PRETZEL GRIP



I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT **YOU**! I'M GETTING RID OF AQUAMAN! THEN, WHILE YOU'RE STILL TIED UP, I'LL ESCAPE WITH THE LOOT I STORED IN YOUR COTTAGE! WITH THE DOUGH, I'LL HIRE THE WORLD'S BEST SURGEON TO RESTORE MY ORIGINAL FORM!

THAT WAS CLOSE! I'D BETTER NOT BE A STATIONARY TARGET!



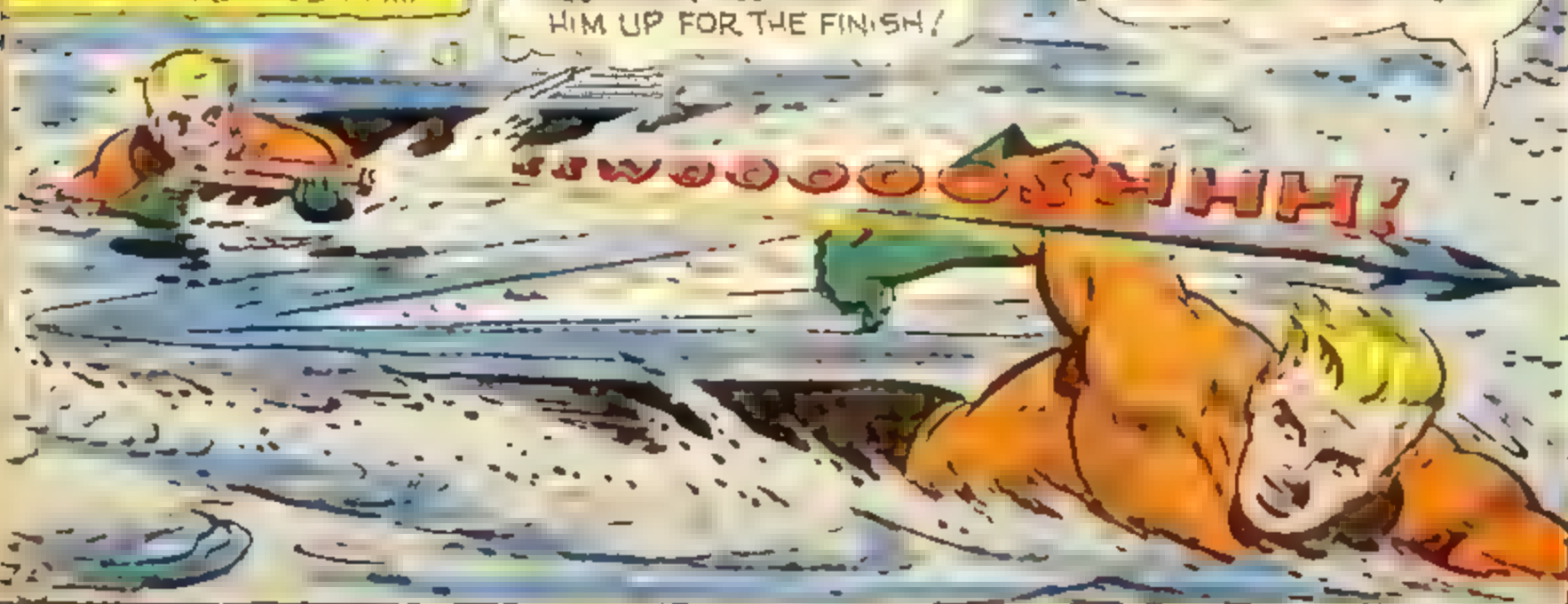
YIIII!

IT'S AQUAMAN AND HIS PET OCTOPUS! HADLEY! HELP ME! TRAPPED!

MINUTES LATER, AS AQUAMAN DESPERATELY ZIG-ZAGS TO CONFUSE HIS PURSUER'S AIM...

I'M A CINCH TO KEEP UP WITH AQUAMAN. I'LL TRAP HIM UP FOR THE FINISH!

I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM! HE CAN DO ANYTHING IN THE WATER THAT I CAN!



ABRUPTLY, AS THE CHASE BRINGS THE TWO FOES CLOSE TO THE MAINLAND...

WE'VE ENTERED A RIVER BRANCH! I CAN FEEL THE CURRENT OF THE RIVER WATER AS IT FLOWS INTO THE SEA!

HMMM...! AQUAMAN'S SEEKING THE SHELTER OF A CAVE! I'VE GOT HIM CORNERED! I'LL JUST... I...I.. S-SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME! I CAN'T BREATHE!

THE "IMITATION AQUAMAN" GASPS AND WEAKLY DROPS HIS SPEAR GUN...

H-HELP, AQUAMAN! HELP ME! MY LUNGS ARE BURSTING!

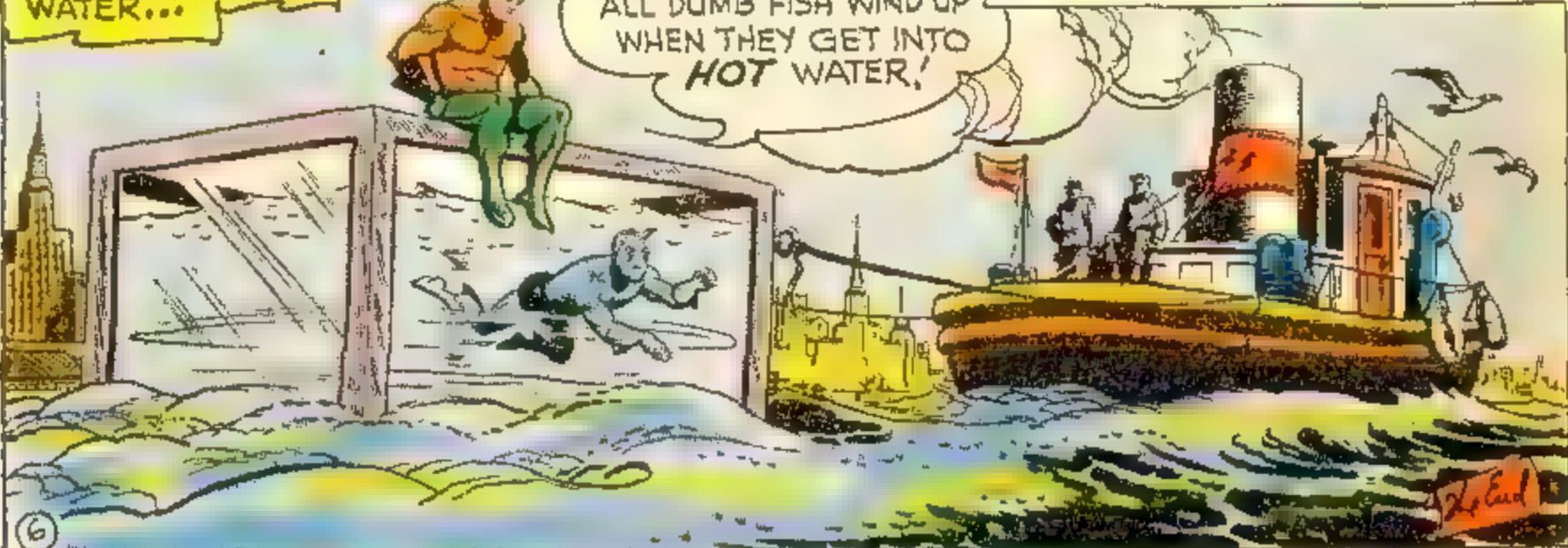
NATURALLY, MY FRIEND! YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE!

THAT CROOKED DOCTOR'S OPERATION CHANGED YOUR BODY SO THAT YOU COULD SWIM IN **SEA WATER**! BUT IN **FRESH** WATER, WHICH CONTAINS NO **SALT**, YOU'RE AS HELPLESS AS A FLOUNDER! SO, JUST ON A HUNCH, I LURED YOU INTO THE MOUTH OF A RIVER, WHICH IS **FRESH** WATER!

F-FRESH WATER? NO WONDER I'M WEAK! OHHH...

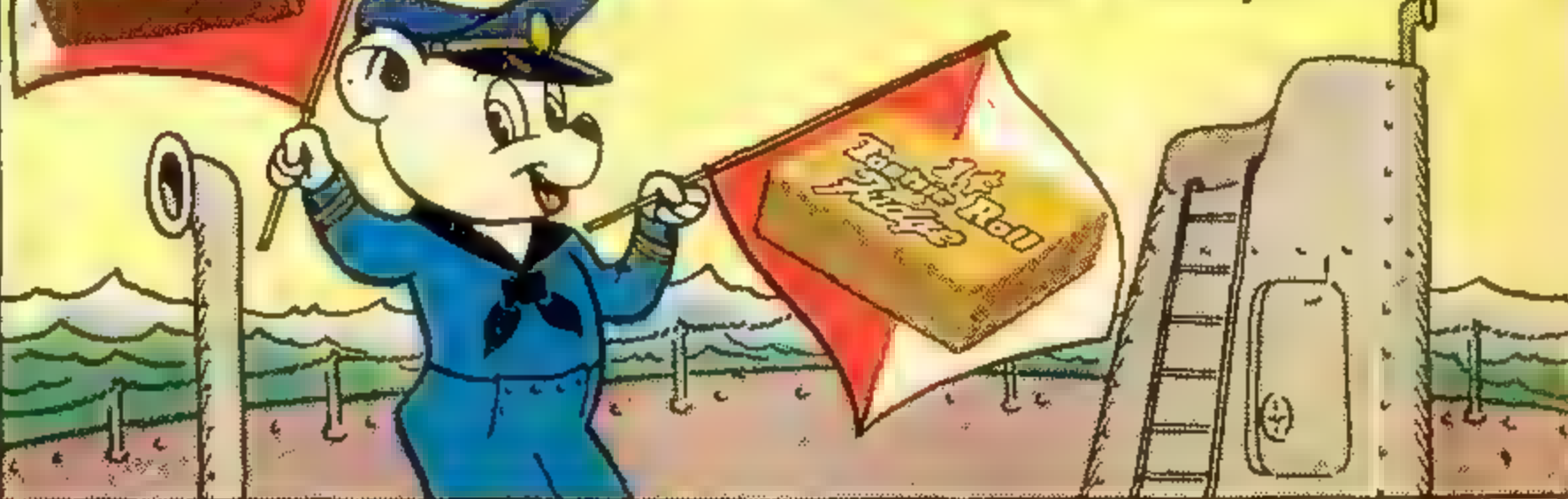
LATER THAT DAY, AS AQUAMAN TAKES HIS CAPTIVE INLAND IN A TANK OF SEA WATER...

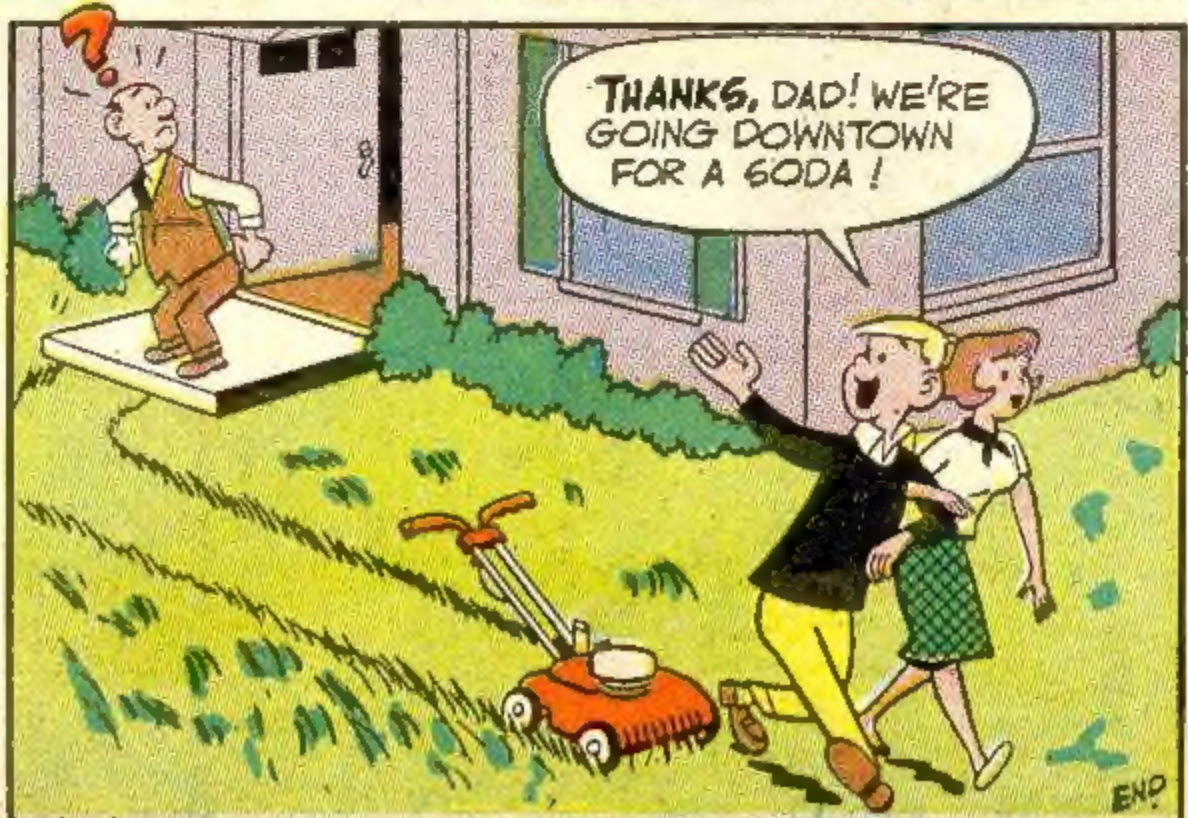
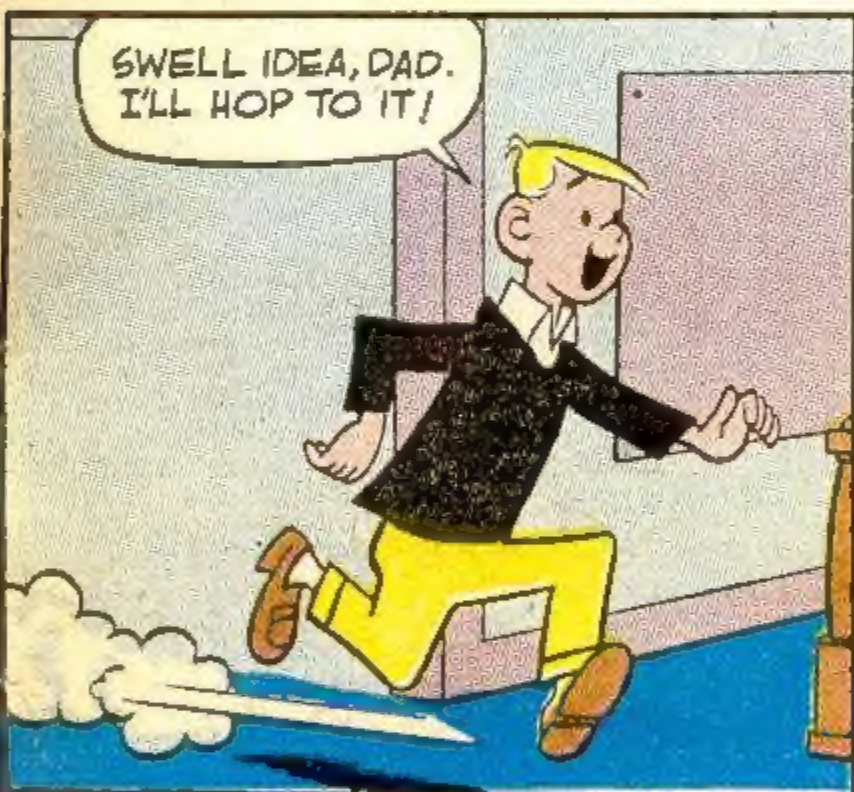
HERE'S WHERE YOU REALLY CAN USE YOUR TALENT, HADLEY! -- SWIMMING UP THE RIVER TO THE BIG HOUSE -- WHERE ALL DUMB FISH WIND UP WHEN THEY GET INTO **HOT** WATER!



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